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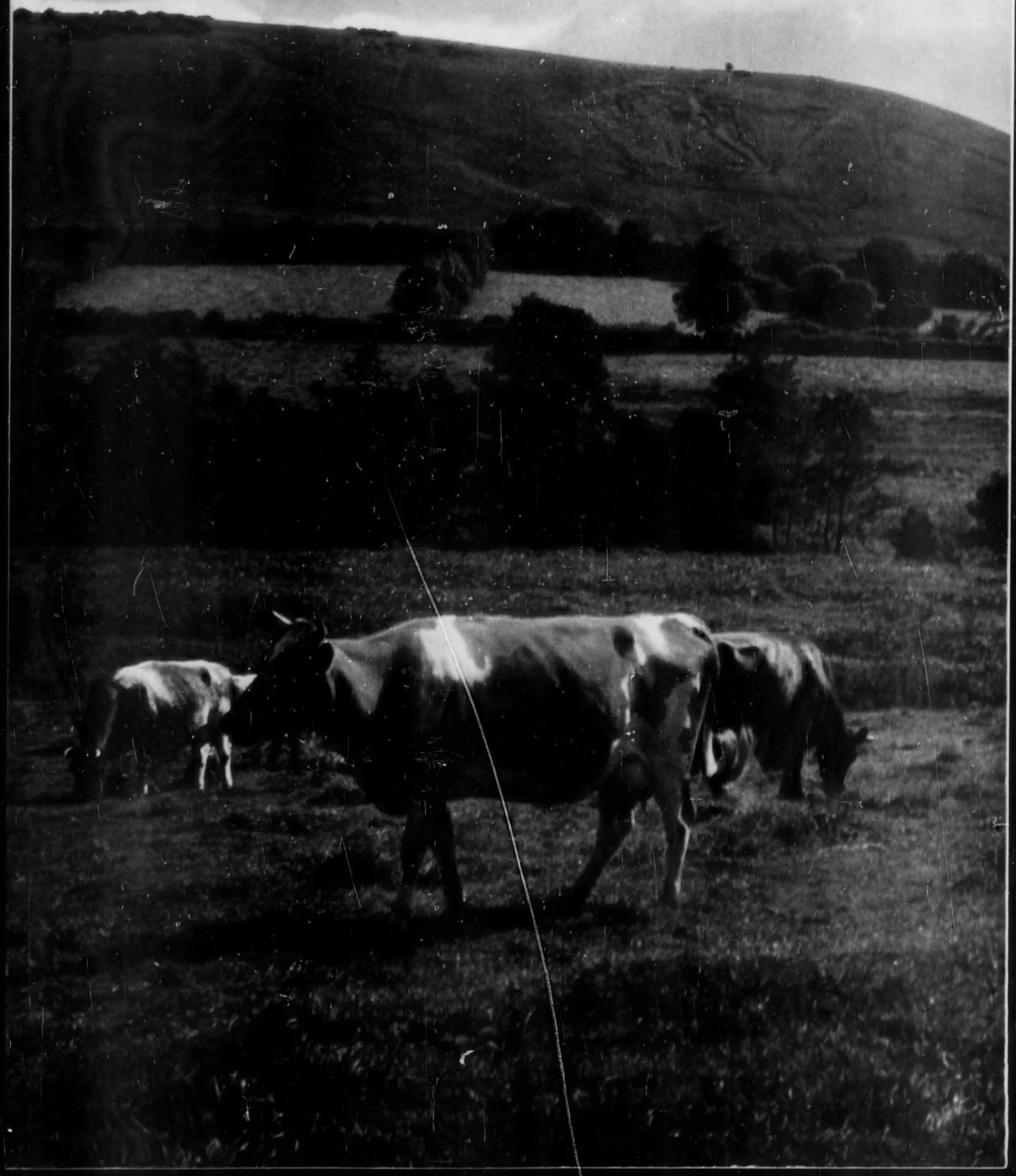

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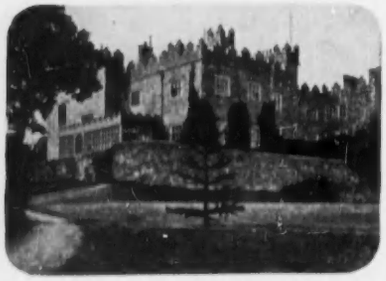

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Complete central heating and all main services.

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Delightful easily kept grounds, kitchen garden and woodland in all

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5 RECEPTION ROOMS (4 panelled)

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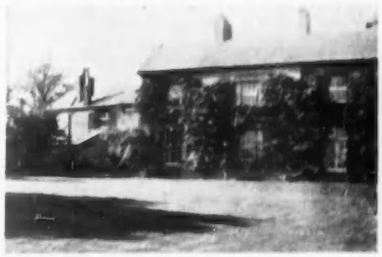

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GARAGE FOR 3 CARS

Charming well-timbered grounds. Kitchen garden with greenhouse.

2 COTTAGES

ABOUT 7 ACRES

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2 GARAGES

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With central heating in principal rooms.

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Central heating, main electricity and water.

Most attractive gardens and grounds.

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£8,000 WITH 35 ACRES,
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GARAGES FOR 6

LOVELY OLD-WORLD GARDENS AND GROUNDS WITH TROUT STREAMS

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WALLED KITCHEN GARDEN
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ABOUT 12 ACRES

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The delightful gardens are a feature of this property.

5 ACRES

PRICE FREEHOLD £11,500

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Together with T.T. attested buildings.

3 rec., kitchen with Aga, bathroom, 4 beds., dressing room.

GARAGE FOR 3 CARS

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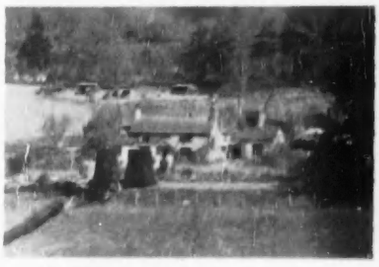
Modern drainage.

27½ ACRES

Pleasant, easily maintained garden on southern slope.



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(except for a few acres)

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Oil-fired central heating.

FIRST-CLASS ATTESTED FARM

HOUSE FOR BAILIFF AND 6 WELL-BUILT COTTAGES

SUBSTANTIAL FARM BUILDINGS

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(*Entrance in Sackville Street*)

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THIS GEORGIAN-TYPE HOUSE IN SUSSEX

Between Crowborough and Mayfield.

R.C. Church 1½ miles. Pleasant position with bus service passing.

Newly decorated and well planned on 2 floors, 3 receptions, cloakroom, 6 bedrooms, 2 modern bathrooms.

Complete central heating.

Garage. Partly walled garden and small paddock.

Main services.

Owner urgently wants quick sale, hence the tempting price quoted.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE WITH 2½ ACRES

Sole Agents: F. L. MERCER & Co., as above.

IN TRANQUIL VILLAGE, BERKSHIRE DOWNS

Near Newbury, Wantage and Hungerford.

Old-world setting. 18th-CENTURY STONE COTTAGE of large-scale proportions

Nice central hall, 3 receptions, 5 bedrooms, bathroom. Rooms of good size and ceilings of ample height.

Main electric light and power, gas and water.

In-built garage. Secluded garden about a ¼ **ACRE** which backs on to a large farm. Sited at right-angle to quiet village road.

PRICE INCLUDES NUMEROUS VALUABLE EXTRAS FOR SALE AT £4,250

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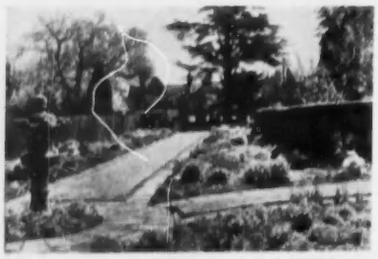
THE MAIN PORTION OF A NOTED COUNTRY HOUSE

FOR SALE WITH LOVELY GROUNDS, NEARLY 4 ACRES

On the borders of Surrey and Sussex.



Enchanting situation near Lingfield and East Grinstead; daily access London.

Part of this luxuriously appointed house is 17th century and it has been modernised regardless of cost. Lounge hall, 3 fine receptions, 6 bedrooms, 3 sumptuous bathrooms.

Central heating.
Main services.

GARAGE

Gardens will appeal to keen horticulturist.

Property is in perfect order.

FOR SALE AT LESS THAN COST

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"COBWEBS," WEST WICKHAM, NEAR CAMBRIDGE

11 miles from Cambridge. Easy reach Newmarket and Bury St. Edmunds.

SMALL QUEEN ANNE HOUSE OF INFINITE CHARM

Hall and cloakroom, 3 reception rooms, 5 or 6 bedrooms, bathroom.

Main electric light and power. Company's water.

Garage.

Stabling with 2 loose boxes.

Well laid-out gardens and paddock.

5½ ACRES

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY OR BY AUCTION LATER

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GLORIOUS RURAL POSITION IN HAMPSHIRE

Easy reach Winchester, Basingstoke and Andover.
Facing south with magnificent views over farm and woodlands.

ARCHITECT-BUILT COTTAGE TYPE HOUSE

Hall and cloakroom, 2 reception rooms, kitchen with "Aga" and Ideal boiler, 3 bedrooms, bathroom.

Electric light, good water supply.

Garage.

Extensive gardens, partly walled vegetable garden, pasture and woodlands.

ABOUT 22 ACRES. ONLY £4,950

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REGISTERED AS AN ANCIENT BUILDING

A LOVELY TUDOR HOUSE WITH 3½ ACRES

In the Weald of Kent. About 50 miles London.

Within 5 miles of Cranbrook, Hawkhurst and Tenterden. Delightful, unspoiled setting amidst undulating country.

Containing a wealth of oak timbering. Lounge hall, 3 reception rooms, 4 good bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.

Partial central heating Main water. Own electricity from adequate plant, but main supply available.

2 garages. Tennis court, charming garden and paddocks.

£6,500. OFFER INVITED

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SMALL WING OF GEORGIAN HOUSE

CLOSE TO WEST SUSSEX COAST

In a village 4½ miles Arundel, Bognor and Littlehampton.

Quite "unassuming" but possessing a lot of charm. Will appeal to retired folk of moderate income.

Easy to run and on 2 floors, 3 receptions (one is 23 ft. long), 3 bedrooms, bathroom.

Main services.

No garage but ample space.

Convertible barn and outbuildings. Nice little garden (about ⅓ **ACRE**) well hedged and partly walled.

AVAILABLE AT £3,350

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UNIQUE SITUATION 15 MILES N.W. OF LONDON

In a secluded setting adjoining golf course.

CHARMING ARCHITECT-DESIGNED HOUSE

In semi-rural setting.

Hall and cloakroom, 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms all with basins, 2 bathrooms.

Central heating.

All main services.

Double garage.

Very pretty gardens with South terrace; flowering shrubs and ornamental trees, easy to maintain.

ABOUT HALF ACRE OF WOODLAND. FOR SALE FREEHOLD

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BEDS. One of the Finest Positions in the County

On the crest of a hill with lovely views for 7 miles. 3 miles from Bedford; easy reach Northampton, Cambridge and Oxford.

Skilfully modernised residence with fine interior.

Galleried lounge hall, 3 reception rooms, study, 4 principal bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.

Self-contained wing with sitting room, bedroom and third bathroom.

Main electricity and water.

LARGE GARAGE

Stabling with 6 loose boxes. Delightful grounds.

FOR SALE WITH 2 OR 8½ ACRES

Agents: F. L. MERCER & Co., as above.

BUCKS. 5 MILES FROM BEACONSFIELD

CHARMING ARCHITECT-DESIGNED RESIDENCE

Tastefully decorated, well appointed and easy to run.

Hall and cloakroom, 2 fine reception rooms, 6 or 7 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.

Partial Central Heating.

Main electricity and water.

Large double garage with man's room over.

Well laid-out matured gardens with tennis court, fruit and vegetable garden.

2 ACRES. PRICE FREEHOLD £7,250 OR NEAR OFFER

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WEST HERTS, ADJOINING ASHRIDGE PARK GOLF COURSE

IN VERY LOVELY SECLUDED POSITION AT END OF QUIET CUL-DE-SAC AVENUE

Near the village of Little Gaddesden. Bus service to Berkhamsted town and station 4½ miles.

CHARMING MODERN COUNTRY RESIDENCE PLANNED ENTIRELY ON TWO FLOORS

WELL APPOINTED WITH POLISHED OAK FLOORS THROUGHOUT GROUND FLOOR, SOLID OAK STAIRCASE. HARDWOOD STRIP FLOORS TO BEDROOMS. PLENTY OF BUILT-IN CUPBOARDS

Entrance hall and cloakroom, 2 or 3 reception rooms, 6 or 7 bedrooms with fitted basins, 3 bathrooms. Kitchen with Aga cooker.

Part central heating. Main water and electricity. Power and light points throughout.

Garage for 2 cars.

Easily-run semi-natura garden with choice variety of flowering and evergreen shrubs; woodland with ornamental trees.

1¼ ACRES

WITH PRIVATE GATEWAY TO THE GOLF COURSE

AN IDEAL FAMILY HOME IN A FINE HEALTHY POSITION. FOR SALE AT A TEMPTING PRICE

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SUSSEX. 3½ MILES FROM HAYWARDS HEATH

OCCUPYING ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SITUATIONS IN THE COUNTY

3½ miles Haywards Heath Station and 12 miles from the coast.

500 feet above sea level facing South-West with glorious uninterrupted views to the South Downs from Birling Gap to Chanctonbury Ring.

THE RESIDENCE, which is approached by a winding drive, has recently been re-decorated.

It contains LARGE GALLERIED LOUNGE HALL, 4 RECEPTION ROOMS, 8 PRINCIPAL BEDROOMS, 6 SECONDARY and SERVANTS BEDROOMS, 6 BATHROOMS, etc.

Central heating. Main electric light and power. Excellent water supply (main available).

Garage accommodation for 4 cars.

Stable with flat over.

Beautifully timbered grounds, orchard, arable and parkland.

ABOUT 27 ACRES. FOR SALE AT A VERY MODERATE PRICE

Full particulars from the Agents: F. L. MERCER & Co., Sackville House, 40, Piccadilly, W.1. Tel.: REGent 2481.

ON THE MIDHURST SIDE OF HASLEMERE

600 FEET UP ON SANDY SOIL AMIDST CHARMING SURROUNDINGS

Haslemere Station 10 minutes walk. London 55 minutes.

Unusually well-built house of picturesque design With well-planned interior on 2 floors.

ENTRANCE HALL AND CLOAKROOM, 3 RECEPTION ROOMS, 5 BEDROOMS WITH FITTED BASINS, BATHROOM.

Main electricity, gas and water.

GARAGE

EXCELLENT OUTBUILDINGS INCLUDING GOOD GARDEN SHEDS

A very lovely and highly-productive garden of unusual charm forming a delightful setting.

NEARLY 1 ACRE

FOR SALE FREEHOLD

Full particulars from the Agents: F. L. MERCER & Co., Sackville House, 40, Piccadilly, W.1. Tel. REGent 2481.

FINE POSITION IN EAST SUSSEX

Delightful secluded surroundings near village, easy reach Lewes, Eastbourne and Tunbridge Wells.

ARCHITECT DESIGNED HOUSE ON 2 FLOORS

SHORT DRIVE

Small lounge hall, cloakroom, 2 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen with Aga.

Part central heating.

Main electricity and Water.

Large garage.

Delightful secluded gardens, not too big, with tennis court, productive vegetable garden, paddock with pond.

1½ ACRES. GENUINE BARGAIN AT £4,750

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"THE FIELD HOUSE," ELSTREE, HERTS

A COUNTRY HOUSE ON A COMPACT SCALE ONLY 12 MILES FROM LONDON

Unique position in Green Belt Area with magnificent views to the South.

Excellent communications to Town by road or rail.

Modern house of character in the Georgian style of architecture. Planned on 2 floors and approached by a drive. Lounge hall with oak strip floor, cloakroom, charming drawing room (25 feet) having attractive Adams style fireplace, dining room, breakfast room or maids' sitting room, 5 bedrooms (basins), bathroom.

Central heating. Main services.

2 Garages

Delightful inexpensive gardens.

NEARLY 2 ACRES FREEHOLD

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY OR BY AUCTION LATER

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LOFTS & WARNER

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and ANDOVER

ARGYLL — KINTYRE WEST COAST

AN EXCELLENT DAIRY FARM WITH GOOD HOUSE

2 sitting, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.

VERY GOOD BUILDINGS (T.T. attested) WITH FIRST-CLASS COWHOUSE with standings for 77, BARNS, DUTCH BARN

EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION FOR YOUNG STOCK
IMPLEMENT SHEDS, STABLING, BULL PENS

Main electricity and ample water.

3 COTTAGES

FARMLAND IN GOOD HEART, WELL DRAINED, AND FENCED

IN ALL ABOUT 330 ACRES

FOR SALE WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Also about 1,300 ACRES of hill land with shepherd's house available if required.

Sole Agents: LOFTS & WARNER, as above.

HAMPSHIRE

Close to Hartley Wintney. London under 1 hour by fast trains.

WELL-FITTED MODERN HOUSE IN EXCELLENT ORDER

Occupying unspoilt rural situation.

Hall, 3 reception rooms, 6 bed and dressing rooms, 2 bathrooms.

Part central heating by "Janitor."

Main electricity, gas and water. Modern drainage.

Double garage. Easily maintained garden. Well stocked kitchen garden. Small orchard and paddock.

ABOUT 3½ ACRES. FOR SALE

Joint Sole Agents: ALFRED PEARSON & SON, Hartley Wintney (Tel. 233), and LOFTS & WARNER, as above.

WILTS—GLOS BORDER

A REALLY LOVELY OLD STONE-BUILT MANOR HOUSE
of much historical interest, part dating from early fourteenth century.
Restored and modernised without detriment to its original character.

In a pleasant position facing south.

Panelled hall, 3 reception, 4 principal bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, 2 staff rooms and bathroom.

Main electricity and water.

Central heating and hot water (oil fired).

Garage, cowshed and milking parlour (T.T.), pigsties, dutch barn, stabling, workshop, store sheds and garden buildings.

COTTAGE

Attractive old-world garden with fine "topiary" work, old bowling green, walled vegetable garden and orchard with paddock and woodland, in all **12 ACRES**

For sale with vacant possession.

Sole Agents: LOFTS & WARNER, as above.

WENTWORTH

AN OUTSTANDING FREEHOLD PROPERTY WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT, "INGLISTON"

Well secluded, but adjacent to the Golf Course.

AN EXTREMELY WELL-APPOINTED MODERN HOUSE

Hall, 4 reception, 5 principal bedrooms (2 *en-suite* with private bathrooms), 4 bathrooms, 5 staff bedrooms. Modern domestic offices.

Central heating. Main electricity, gas and water.

Garage for 3 cars. Beautiful gardens and rough woodland.

IN ALL ABOUT 8 ACRES. FOR SALE PRIVATELY

Joint Sole Agents: LOFTS & WARNER, as above, and Mrs. N. C. TUFNELL, Sunninghill, Berks.

WINCHESTER
FLEET
FARNBOROUGH

ALFRED PEARSON & SON

HARTLEY WINTNEY
ALDERSHOT
ALRESFORD

HAMPSHIRE

In a high rural position, close to the Surrey border.

CONVENIENT FOR LONDON BUSINESSMAN

A COUNTRY RESIDENCE
of convenient size.

4 BEDROOMS, DRESSING ROOM
BATHROOM, HALL AND 3 RECEPTION ROOMS
OUTBUILDINGS AND 2 GARAGES

Charming garden, **1 ACRE**

Also

BUNGALOW ENTRANCE LODGE

Vacant possession.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION IN 2 LOTS SHORTLY

Hartley Wintney Office (Tel. 233).

A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM MAIN LINE STATION

THIS COTTAGE-STYLE RESIDENCE
is situated in an unspoilt area of North Hampshire, about 1¼ miles from village. 3 bedrooms, bathroom, 3 reception rooms, kitchen. Main electricity and water and 3 further rooms. Outbuildings and pretty garden.
FREEHOLD £4,500
Hartley Wintney Office (Tel. 233).

WINCHESTER 3 MILES

CHARMING PERIOD HOUSE OF LONG LOW ELEVATION

6 BEDROOMS, 2 RECEPTION ROOMS (one 39 ft.), CLOAKROOM, 2 BATHROOMS

Main electricity and water.

MOST ATTRACTIVE GROUNDS, INCLUDING PADDOCK

ABOUT 6 ACRES. HARD TENNIS COURT

FREEHOLD £9,500

Winchester Office (Tel. 3388).

VERNON SMITH & CO.

CHARTERED AUCTIONEERS AND ESTATE AGENTS
Tel.: Horley, Surrey, 100/1.

A CHARMING PERIOD COTTAGE

Conveniently situated within walking distance of main-line station (London 35 minutes).

IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

Lounge/hall, 2 good-sized reception rooms, kitchen, 5 bedrooms, bathroom.

Main services.

GARAGE/BARN

¾ ACRE

FREEHOLD

£4,750 ONLY

BELIEVED 200 YEARS OLD

A DETACHED COUNTRY COTTAGE in a delightful secluded garden of ¼ acre. Close to village, 2 miles main line and on bus route. 3 bedrooms, large lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, bathroom. All services. Double garage. **FREEHOLD 3,000 GNS.**

YOUNG & GILLING

50, PROMENADE, CHELTENHAM, GLOS (Tel. 2129)

COTSWOLD HILLS

Unrivalled views. 5 miles Cheltenham.

MODERNISED COUNTRY HOUSE AND SMALL ESTATE

FOR SALE FREEHOLD

3 RECEPTION ROOMS
5 BEDROOMS
3 BATHROOMS

Modern domestic offices.

COMPACT SERVANTS' WING

4 cottages (2 in hand).

144 ACRES IN ALL

JUST OVER 136 ACRES LET TO OLD-ESTABLISHED TENANT

Particulars and appointment to view from Sole Agents, as above.

BOURNEMOUTH
SOUTHAMPTON

FOX & SONS

BRIGHTON
WORTHING

NEAR THE DORSET COAST

BRIDPORT 4½ miles. CREWKERNE 7 miles. YEOVIL 16 miles. In a delightful unspoilt part of the country.

THE PARNHAM ESTATE, BEAMINSTER

Comprising:

HIGHER YONDOVER FARM of **177 ACRES** (as illustrated) with original Elizabethan Farmhouse, T.T. Cowshed and 3 Cottages.

FINE PRINCIPAL LODGE, 4 bedrooms and bathroom and **5 ACRES**.

NORTH LODGE and **1 ACRE**—3 good cottages.

HOLLY LODGE COTTAGE suitable for conversion to residence.

SEVERAL LOTS OF PARKLAND AND ACCOMMODATION FIELDS

MILL GROUND COTTAGES with **67 ACRES** OF GRASSLAND

Main Water and Electricity connected or available

TOTAL AREA ABOUT 324 ACRES

VIRTUALLY THE WHOLE WITH VACANT OR EARLY POSSESSION

For Sale Freehold in lots at the BULL HOTEL, BRIDPORT, on WEDNESDAY, July 20, 1955, at 3 p.m. (unless previously sold privately).

Solicitors: Messrs. PEARSONS & WARD, Malton, Yorks. Joint Auctioneers: JOHN D. WOOD & Co., 23, Berkeley Square, London, W.1. (Tel. MAYfair 6341), and FOX & SONS, 44-52 Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. (Tel. 6300).

SUSSEX

In a pleasant position on the outskirts of a picturesque market town, close to South Downs. Walking distance station and omnibuses. 10 miles Brighton.

AN EXCEPTIONALLY ATTRACTIVE MODERN ARCHITECT RESIDENCE

4 bedrooms, bathroom, large lounge, dining room, cloakroom, glazed sun lounge, well equipped kitchen.

DOUBLE GARAGE

Main electricity and water. Septic tank drainage.

Delightful well maintained gardens, including wide lawns, matured trees, flower beds, fruit trees, and kitchen garden, in all

ABOUT 1 ACRE

PRICE: £7,850 FREEHOLD. VACANT POSSESSION

FOX & SONS, 117 and 118, Western Road, Brighton. Tel.: Hove 39201.

DORSET

With grounds sloping to the river bank providing 300 yards of good fishing. Standing high above the river, having magnificent views over the Frome Valley to the Purbeck Hills.

Beautifully situated modern residence facing south.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, living room, 29 ft. by 14 ft., entrance hall, cloakroom, modern kitchen.

DOUBLE GARAGE

Main services.

Beautifully laid out garden with fish and lily ponds, lawns and terraces, orchard promenade at river level with landing stage providing berth for cabin cruiser.

2½ ACRES. PRICE £6,500 FREEHOLD

FOX & SONS, 44-52, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. (Tel. 6300).

BETWEEN BROCKENHURST AND LYMINGTON

Magnificently sited with south aspect and lovely outlook. Close to yachting facilities and adjoining the New Forest.

A MODERN COUNTRY RESIDENCE

5 bedrooms (all with basins). Bathroom, large hall, cloakroom, 2 excellent reception rooms, breakfast room, kitchen and offices.

Main water and electricity.

2 GARAGES

Workshop and outbuildings. Attractive garden, sloping to the south. In all

ABOUT 1½ ACRES

OWNER SHORTLY LEAVING THE DISTRICT WILL CONSIDER ALL REASONABLE OFFERS

FOX & SONS, 32, London Road, Southampton. Tel. 25155 (4 lines).

CLOSE TO WINCHESTER

Standing about 260 feet above sea level with fine open views. Of particular interest to those seeking a superior modern residence within easy reach of the Test Valley, Salisbury and Southampton.

"SUNDOWN," CRAWLEY

In good decorative order throughout

5 bedrooms (all with basins). Half-tiled bathroom, spacious lounge, dining room, kitchen with scullery recess.

Main services. Central heating.

GARAGE FOR 2 CARS

Well maintained garden of ½ **ACRE**

AUCTION JULY 19, UNLESS PREVIOUSLY SOLD

Solicitors: Messrs. PARIS, SMITH & RANDALL, Castle Lane, Southampton. Auctioneers: Messrs. FOX & SONS, 32, London Road, Southampton. Tel. 25155 (4 lines).

BRIGHTON

THIS IMPOSING DETACHED DOUBLE FRONTED FREEHOLD RESIDENCE. CLOSE TO THE DOWNS

Enjoying delightful open aspect in tree lined road and with distant sea views.

4 bedrooms, dressing room, half-tiled bathroom, separate w.c. Oak panelled entrance hall with cloakroom, 3 reception, spacious half-tiled kitchen.

DETACHED BRICK GARAGE

Well stocked garden.

Central Heating.

£6,500 FREEHOLD. OPEN TO OFFER. VACANT POSSESSION

FOX & SONS, 117-118, Western Road, Brighton. (Tel.: 39201)

MID-SUSSEX

In a delightful semi-rural position yet within walking distance of a main line station. Brighton 11 miles. London 41 miles.

AN EXCEPTIONALLY ATTRACTIVE MODERN COTTAGE STYLE RESIDENCE

3 bedrooms, bathroom, large lounge, dining room, kitchen.

GARAGE

All main services.

Greenhouse and other useful buildings. Delightfully secluded gardens, including lawns, flower beds and borders, matured and ornamental trees and kitchen garden. In all about

½ **ACRE**

PRICE £3,800 FREEHOLD. VACANT POSSESSION

FOX & SONS, 117 and 118, Western Road, Brighton. Tel. Hove 39201.

DORSET

5 miles Wareham, 12 miles Dorchester, 19 Bournemouth.

THE ATTRACTIVE FREEHOLD AND AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY INCLUDING A MODERN CLASSICAL STYLE RESIDENCE

HETHFELTON ESTATE, WOOL

9 BEDROOMS, DRESSING ROOM, 4 BATHROOMS, 3 RECEPTION ROOMS, CLOAKROOM, ENTRANCE HALL, SERVANTS' HALL, KITCHEN, GOOD DOMESTIC OFFICES

Central heating. Electric lighting plant. Estate water supply. Septic tank drainage.

Garages for 4 cars. Charming gardens with lawns, walled kitchen garden and woodlands of about 45 acres.

5 ATTRACTIVE COTTAGES. FARM OF **220 ACRES** and **30-ACRE** HOLDING (let). HEATHLAND

TOTAL AREA 334 ACRES

VACANT POSSESSION

House, grounds and 5 Cottages. Heathland.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION at the TOWN HALL, WAREHAM, on JULY 29, 1955 (unless previously sold privately)

Solicitors: Messrs. JOYNSON-HICKS & Co., Lennox House, Norfolk Street, Strand, London, W.C.2. Joint Auctioneers: Messrs. WELLER SON & GRINSTED, Guildford, Surrey (Tel.: Guildford 3386); Messrs. FOX & SONS, 44-52, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. Tel. 6300.

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THE RECTORY HOUSE AND FARM

OGBOURNE ST. GEORGE, NEAR MARLBOROUGH, WILTSHIRE

Convenient to Hungerford, Swindon and Marlborough.

Fine old (1756) Rectory House and farm of about 200 acres for sale with Vacant Possession. Also farmhouse and 4 cottages, likewise substantial and extensive buildings (T.T. and attested) with standings for 40. **Freehold.**

The main residence, which is in first-class order and condition, modernised, contains 3 sitting rooms, 7 bedrooms (basins), 3 bathrooms, cloakroom, excellent offices with Aga cooker and Agamatic boiler for hot water.

Main electricity and power. Central heating throughout. Abundant water. Modern drainage.

Attractive gardens with hard tennis court, walled kitchen garden with fruit trees, etc.

For Sale by Auction (unless previously sold privately), on Tuesday, August 9, 1955, at the Castle and Ball Hotel, Marlborough, as a whole first or in two Lots (the farm and farmhouse as Lot 1; if sold, the Rectory house will be offered as Lot 2).

Solicitors: Messrs. MERRIMANS, PORTER & LONG, Marlborough, Wilts.

Joint Auctioneers: STYLES, WHITLOCK & PETERSEN, 44, St. James's Place, S.W.1, and D. A. POCOCK, ESQ., 18a, High Street, Marlborough, Wilts.

DERBYSHIRE

Near Cheshire Border.

SMALL RESIDENTIAL ESTATE IN DELIGHTFUL SITUATION

Stone residence with hall, cloaks, 4 sitting rooms, usual domestic offices, etc., 6 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms.

Usual outbuildings and glasshouses, together with Lodge and about 16 acres.

PRICE WITH POSSESSION, £4,500

ALSO AVAILABLE

The original Hall with 2-3 sitting rooms, 6-8 bedrooms, etc., outbuildings and 1½ acres.

Early possession

and

Tenanted Home Farm, totalling about 203 acres. Excellent farmhouse. Extensive buildings.

PRICE FOR THE WHOLE £10,000

STYLES, WHITLOCK & PETERSEN, 44, St. James's Place, London, S.W.1, or W. H. ROBINSON & CO., 79, Mosley Street, Manchester, 2.

WEST SUSSEX—HAMPSHIRE BORDER

(Few miles Midhurst and Haslemere.)

A MEDIUM-SIZE COUNTRY RESIDENCE OF ABOUT 26 BEDROOMS

Situated in a beautiful district, with magnificent views

is about to be offered for Sale with Vacant Possession.

Ideally suitable for school or similar purpose. Modern conveniences installed. Magnificent reception rooms. About 19 acres. Fine racquets court. 2 cottages. Large garages.

QUICK SALE DESIRED

PRICE FREEHOLD ONLY £6,000

Joint Sole Agents: STYLES, WHITLOCK & PETERSEN, 44, St. James's Place, S.W.1, and Messrs. HILLARY & CO., 32, Lavant Street, Petersfield, Hants. (L.R.27,504)

MID KENT

30 miles London with electric train service to Victoria; 2 miles local station, bus service passes. Convenient for Sevenoaks and Maidstone.

QUEEN ANNE COUNTRY RESIDENCE

facing village green, south-western aspect, 250 feet above sea level.

Accommodation: Lounge hall and 3 sitting rooms, 7 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms on first floor, other accommodation on second floor. Main services. Stabling and garage. 2 cottages (each with bathroom). Matured garden and large cherry orchard.

Total area about 3¾ ACRES

PRICE FREEHOLD £8,500 WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Inspected and recommended by Sole Agents: STYLES, WHITLOCK & PETERSEN, 44, St. James's Place, S.W.1. (L.R.27,462)

DEVON

In a first-rate district for fishing.

630 feet above sea level. Really glorious views.

GEORGIAN COUNTRY HOUSE IN EXCELLENT ORDER

Entrance hall, 3 spacious reception rooms, cloakroom, modern domestic offices, Aga, Agamatic boiler, 6 bedrooms, dressing room, bathroom.

Electricity. Ample water. Central heating. Cesspool drainage.

Stabling and garage. Lodge.

Easy garden, part walled garden.

About **6 ACRES** including paddock.

PRICE FREEHOLD £5,500

Inspected and thoroughly recommended by Owner's Sole Agents: STYLES, WHITLOCK & PETERSEN, 44, St. James's Place, London, S.W.1. (L.R.27,349)

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NORFOLK, FAKENHAM 7 MILES

In a charming country village.

ATTRACTIVE GEORGIAN COUNTRY HOUSE WITH REGENCY ADDITIONS

7 PRINCIPAL BEDROOMS, BATHROOM, 3 RECEPTION ROOMS, etc.

GARAGE, STABLE

NEARLY 2 ACRES

TIMBERED GROUNDS AND ORCHARD

PRICE £5,000 FREEHOLD

Norwich Office. Tel. Norwich 26941

(in conjunction with Messrs. IRELAND, 13, Castle Meadow, Norwich. Tel.: Norwich 28191).

HAMPSHIRE—SURREY BORDER

In ideally sheltered and secluded spot, a short walk from the village.

A DELIGHTFUL SMALL RESIDENTIAL FARM, THE FARMHOUSE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A QUEEN ANNE HUNTING LODGE

Station 3½ miles, Waterloo 55 minutes.

28 ACRES

4 bedrooms, dressing room, bathroom, 3-4 reception rooms, kitchen with Aga cooker.

Main water and electricity.

Attested buildings tying 11

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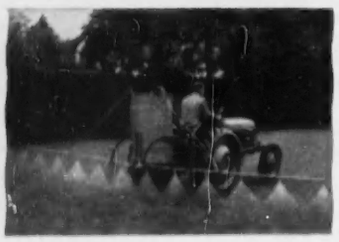

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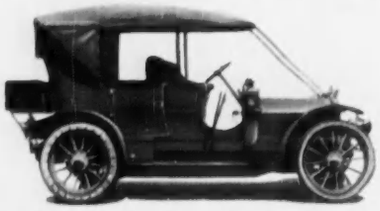

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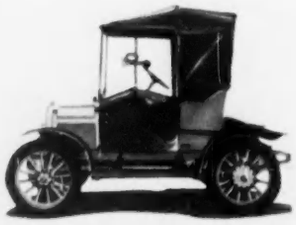

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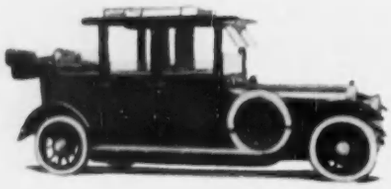

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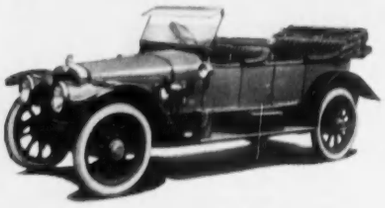

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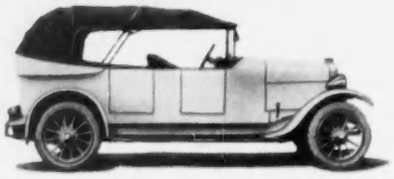

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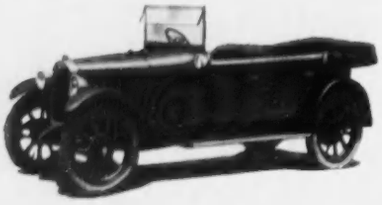

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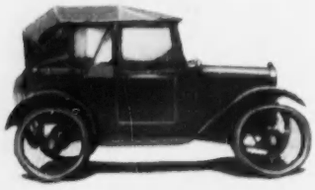

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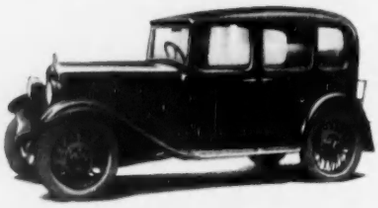

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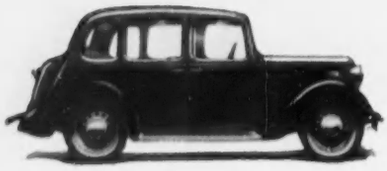

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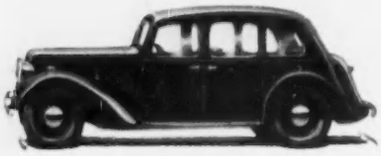

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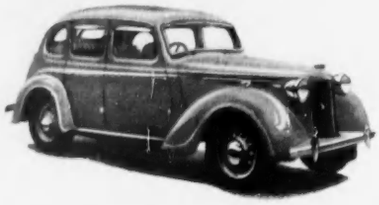

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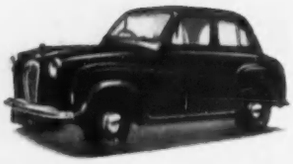

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PLANNED FARMING

IN the week when the Royal Agricultural Society's show is being held at Nottingham farming receives a well-merited pat on the back from the British Productivity Council, a body which makes progress reports on our main industries in the light of American experience. Sixty-six productivity teams have visited the United States under the Council's programme, and a small agricultural team went there five years ago. Their main recommendation was that British farmers should pay greater attention to the planning of farming so as to make the most effective use of modern equipment. Farming is now a high-cost production industry with wages rising year by year. Few farmers would recognise that they are practising the techniques of management: accounting, production control and what is called simplification and work study; but this is, in fact, what they are doing.

Since 1939 productivity in British agriculture has risen between 47 and 50 per cent., an achievement not claimed by any single manufacturing industry. The impact of large-scale mechanisation and improvements in seeds, fertilisers and stock arising from scientific research, together with a great infusion of fresh capital, both working and fixed, allied to a sustained demand for the produce of British farms, has effected greater changes in the pattern of British farming in the past 16 years than occurred in the previous 150 years. Contributors to this issue give examples of these changes and the likely trends ahead. The British Productivity Council endorses the opinion that the target of 60 per cent. over pre-war production is almost certainly within reach. The thorny problem of imports has a decided bearing on the risks British farmers are prepared to take. To-day they have a comprehensive price-insurance system by which market returns are made up by subsidies that are likely to cost £250-£300 million this year. A reduction of this subsidy bill will be achieved only by applying modern management techniques still more widely to traditional husbandry practices. In this the National Agricultural Advisory Service is spreading the gospel through the farm-management advisory service, enabling many to learn from the experience of the most enterprising.

Another overhaul announced by the Prime Minister last week will put the administration of Crown Lands on a sounder basis. The Crichel Down case revealed the need for an active board of management to administer this great trust estate of 384,000 acres in town and country. Crown Estates is the name to be used in future, and a statutory board of trustees with a variety of experience will be appointed to exercise supervision, much as the Council of the Duchy of Cornwall does over estates which are the personal property of the Royal House. The capital of the Crown Estate belongs to the Sovereign; the income after meeting cost of upkeep, has been surrendered to Parliament at the beginning of each reign since that of George III in accordance with a Civil List Act. The Crown Estate Trustees are to be allowed wide discretion in managing the properties and an informative annual report is to be presented to Parliament. One Minister should be responsible to Parliament and he should not be the Minister of Agriculture or any other Minister who has any direct interest in land policy. The Crown Estate should be kept clearly distinct from normal Government administration, and there is no reason why local land agents and surveyors should not, as hitherto, be employed to look after the individual properties. These appear to be sensible arrangements.

MORE GREEN BELTS?

THE debate on housing programmes recently initiated in the House of Lords by Lord Silkin, who estimated that six million dwellings at least would be needed in the next 20 years, was last week continued, as it were, by Lord Balfour of Burleigh. He suggested that half of the six million should be found in the big towns and half outside. His theme was the need for permanently checking the lateral expansion of the big industrial areas by consistently maintaining the green-belt policy and by providing more New Towns and more Expanded Towns under the Town Development Act, 1952, in the adjacent districts. The choice before the nation, he said, was either dormitory development cutting into green belts or country-town development well outside the large towns. That choice, to judge by the Government's many declarations, has definitely been made; but it is still impossible to say that the planning powers of local authorities are everywhere being steadily used to prevent ribbon development in green areas or to control that dangerous planning device known nowadays as "infilling." The Government asserts that the proper maintenance of London's green belt is now assured, but admits that the situation is not so satisfactory in the neighbourhood of the provincial cities. It is most important, as Lord Selkirk said last week, that the areas around these cities which are preserved by administrative action should be actually called "green belts" and their purpose in the scheme of things generally recognised. But more provincial New Towns are needed as well, especially in the Midlands and the North. The financial arrangements recently announced for the Town Development Act seem to be welcome to both "importing" and "exporting" parties; but it will be wise to take heed, before it is too late, of Lord Salter's warning that "expanded towns" are liable to become just expanded dormitories, and of Lord Gage's plea that people in the south-east, at any rate, do not want their area to become a constantly expanding sleeping-place for those who work in London.

MOODS

THERE are days when I go swishing
The grasses with my cane;
Almost wishing
They were human and felt pain.

There are days when I, forgetting,
Kiss the grasses by the way;
Half regretting
I am man and not as they.

JOHN REDWOOD-ANDERSON.

THE CASE OF BOWOOD

THE demolition of the larger part of so famous a country house as Bowood is deplorable, the more so now when, to some extent, legislation and funds exist to safeguard buildings of historic and artistic importance. Although the Big House, as it was called in distinction to the addition known as the Diocletian Wing, which for many years has alone been inhabited, was never regarded as an architectural masterpiece, the fact that it consisted of successive alterations by Keene, Adam, Dance, Cockerell and Barry of a Queen Anne building has made it the more remarkable. The ideal solution would have been for a suitable economic use to have been found for the Big House, when public funds for its repair would probably have been forthcoming and Lord Lansdowne might have continued to reside (as he proposes to do after the demolition) in the Diocletian Wing. But since the war no such user has come forward; and the alternative presented to partial demolition was abandonment of the whole as a family home, leading to entire destruction—or acquisition by the State of a huge, empty, derelict place. Under these circumstances Sir William Holford and his Advisory Committee may be held to have acted wisely in a tragic dilemma by sanctioning amputation. The case of Bowood may even be salutary if it makes clearer to the nation what "living on capital" must increasingly and inevitably involve.

TREES IN THE ROYAL PARKS

IT is probably Hyde Park, with Queen Anne's Orangery and all the embellishments and simplicities of Kensington and its Gardens, which have, as much as anything, endeared the Royal Parks both to visitors and to Londoners. But all these priceless oases in the great desert of London are as much as anything treasures of tree-culture, and for years now an Advisory Committee have been examining all the Parks in the Metropolitan area and suggesting what should be done by way of preservation and planting. In their latest report they are particularly concerned with the future of St. James's Park, with the avenues along the Mall and the avenue along the north side of Birdcage-walk, for these together form the background of the most important ceremonial way in London and frame the principal aspect of her Majesty's Palace. They think a thinning process among the plane trees of the Mall is advisable and suggest that if the felling were carried out over a short period of years, the change in accustomed appearance would be only a gradual one. Their advice on this and other matters which have ceremonial and social implications will be invaluable; but there is an undercurrent of warning. "We have observed," they say, "that . . . the facilities of the Ministry for dealing with dangerous or decayed trees are inadequate for keeping pace with the rate of decay. . . . We are advised by the Ministry that suitable skilled labour cannot be obtained in the London area on the terms which the Department is prepared to offer; unskilled labour after being trained by the Ministry in the work of lopping and felling tends to leave its employment for better paid work elsewhere." That is a state of affairs which, in view of the importance of care and skill in lopping, is bound to cause disquiet.

POOR DEAR SOCRATES

THE Conservators of Mitcham Common, having been warned that hemlock is growing there, have decided to be on the safe side by attacking it with weed-killer. It has been urged in defence of the hemlock that there is no record of anyone in this country having been poisoned by it, and, second, that most children know that it is poisonous since they have lately learned about Socrates at school. It seems that this is to overrate their knowledge of Greek history, according to someone who made a test by questioning seven youths between 15 and 17 years old in a City office. One had never heard of hemlock and another played extremely safe by saying that it concerned olden times. He who came most dangerously near the truth said it was a drink. A fourth, misled by the first syllable, described it as a tuck in a lady's dress. It is a little hard on a classical poison that these young gentlemen would doubtless have heard of weed-killer as having been mentioned in famous murder trials. No single one of them had ever heard of Socrates. He was a philosopher and, if the news comes to him on the asphodel, will bear it calmly, but Plato may be furious.

COVER PICTURE

Our cover picture, of cattle grazing in meadows below Giant Hill at Cerne Abbas, in Dorset, was taken by G. F. Allen.

G. Douglas Bolton

GEESE ON A FARM AT MELMERBY, CUMBERLAND

A COUNTRYMAN'S NOTES

By **IAN NIALL**

ALTHOUGH I had promised the children that if all went well they might have a pet jackdaw from one of the nests on the cliff, I thought better of it and the jackdaws are now fledged and beyond reach, learning the use of their wings in the air currents round the cliff. It was not the responsibility of looking after the jackdaws that made me let things slide until it was too late to do anything about it. I think it is a good thing for children to have pets and to learn to look after them, but I have watched a jackdaw that was the pet of a family in the village. Jackie was easily identified, for his owners had put a ring on his leg. For a long time he was dependent upon his masters and was either shunned by his wild brothers and sisters or paid no attention to them. Altogether he was a rather lonely bird and his efforts to draw attention to himself or create amusement led him into trouble. With some people he was marked down as a positive nuisance. Those who did not mind his flapping into their houses and scrambling across the table were few. That he survived outside a pen or cage was due to his gradual education, and the lesson was the same sad lesson that is taught to a playful pup. Human friendship is fickle, spasmodic. It is a hard lesson for a bird cut off from its own kind, and there is nothing more sad than a miserable bird.

Most of the time Jackie was in high spirits, of course, but in the winter he learned that people do not want to be visited by a jackdaw on a cold wet day. About that time he took up with one of the eligible young hen jackdaws that haunt the likely chimney-pots just before nesting sites are prospected for. His habits changed thereafter. He sought the company of his kind more often and went into the houses less and less. He turned out to be an excellent husband, I think, for he knows the ways of humans and dares to venture where other jackdaws would be nervous of going to get crusts and other odds and ends of food. I should not be surprised if his return to the wild is complete. I do not think he will be making a pathetic nuisance of himself in the schoolyard next autumn. A bird should have its freedom, and few of us are capable of giving a pet the attention that would compensate for the loss of association with its fellows.

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I REMEMBER a captive raven; he would have gone off had his wings not been clipped. He was a most mischievous bird and a master of strong language that would have put a seaman's parrot to shame. There were days when this bird sat on the roof, to which he could just manage to flutter, and his whole aspect spoke of the dejection of his spirit. This happened on bright sunlit mornings when the crows and rooks were flying high, passing across the country with that wealth of conversation that rooks have. I was sure that the raven, brought from somewhere in Cumberland, I believe, by a tribe of gypsies, suffered as a sick child might suffer to hear his playmates enjoying themselves in the fields. He was not chained as travelling bears were once chained, nor kept in the cruel prison of a squirrel cage, but he was, for such a master of heights and aerobatics as a raven, almost as severely handicapped. I thought about this, and the fact that a pet jackdaw, while we built up a mutual attachment, might have to have his wings clipped. I could not let it happen. Wing clipping is for pullets and scatter-brained hens.

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THERE are several wild animals, and at least two domestic pets, that are capable of biting the head off a rat. A dog can do it without trouble. A cat can do it, too, although it makes a rather chewed mess of the operation. A fox could decapitate a rat as cleanly as a dog. We picked up a rat from which the head had been removed. It lay on the path leading to the hen-run and we were puzzled to know how it came to lose its head. We have neither dog nor cat, and I think that an owl may have been responsible, although I am not sure. It might have been the work of a fox, but with so many hens about I think the fox would have been more likely to go after a chicken dinner.

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WE were talking about this when a man who used to look after things for the previous occupiers of the cottage called. He said that there had been a time when the fox gave a lot of trouble. The previous occupiers kept fowls, too, and their losses were heavy. One day a neighbouring farmer's wife called her husband's attention to a brown dog in a lower field. Investigation proved the brown dog to be an old dog fox and a hunt was organised at once. The veteran had been up to the ground we now occupy and had in one afternoon slaughtered 16 birds along a line of wire netting. He had stalked the birds individually and paused only to kill and draw them to one side before going for the next. None had been eaten. The fox was indulging his killing instinct.

The hunt was a brief one. The old fox was found to be completely hairless on his upper parts and his skin was as hard and tough as the hide of a cow. He had been in very poor condition and had managed to survive for so long by cunning and knowledge of the movements of people round about. It is just this that makes an old fox, or, for that matter, an old trout. The old fish or the old fox escapes and sees another day, becoming wise in the ways of his enemies. This old killer was shot in the lower field where he was seen that day. He might have escaped the two guns that walked the hedge for him,

but, although he had cunning, he had no speed. At the first open patch he was within range. The first shot put him down and the second finished him off. Sixteen birds in an afternoon makes one think that, however cunning the old fox may have been, he had no idea that excesses would sharpen the wits of his enemies and give them incentive to wipe him out.

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I SPENT another day with the Fishery Superintendent who looks after the rivers in my locality and was present when his bailiffs came to report. I was entertained with many stories about the flagrant poaching that went on at the end of the war. Salmon snatching may be an art. It takes a deal of skill under certain circumstances, but when the stocks in a river fall and snatchers are suspected it is not long before one or two appear in court. One of the things a bailiff must immediately examine is the hook and tackle being used. To do this before it is snipped off by the user requires agility on the part of the bailiff. More than once desperate characters had tried to drive their snatching hooks into the arms of the men who caught them, I was told. It took six convictions to daunt one man who snatched salmon.

More subtle methods had been used against line-setters who go to the river to set lines for trout. In some cases it proved insufficient to warn a man that he was known to be using night lines. Often the offender took the warning as being based on gossip, and imagined that the officials were making a guess. Before going so far as to take the poacher red-handed a bailiff would fasten one or two kippers to a line. As soon as possible after the poacher had looked at his lines the bailiff would casually remark that he had heard he was getting a few kippers as well as trout. This usually proved to the offender that he had gone as far as he dared.

Less easy to deal with were the motorised poachers, many of whom had no hesitation in driving their cars or vans at the bailiffs and resisting capture with violence. As preservation and improvements in the rivers came to a higher standard the poaching offences diminished, until the figures showed as much as a 100 per cent. increase in catches as compared with the worst year, which was that of the heaviest demobilisation from the Services.

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TO get anything out of the soil one must put something in. There are not many soils that are so rich that one can stint manure or fertiliser. It may be possible to grow potatoes in unploughed and unmanured ground in some parts of the world, but where the soil is intensively used, year after year, it must be replenished with the ingredients necessary to strong and healthy growth. It is hard to beat good farm manure. Farmers who have a supply are usually keen to use it where it will give them the best return, and it is hard to obtain in consequence. The soil in the tomato house had been stimulated as much as we thought reasonable. We added hen manure last season, but hen manure without peat is not the best thing for tomatoes. We could not obtain sufficient farm manure to enrich the soil and there was nothing else for it but to replace the beds. Taking the old soil out was a bigger task than we had thought, and the cavity that remained was far too great to be filled by the topsoil available outside the tomato house.

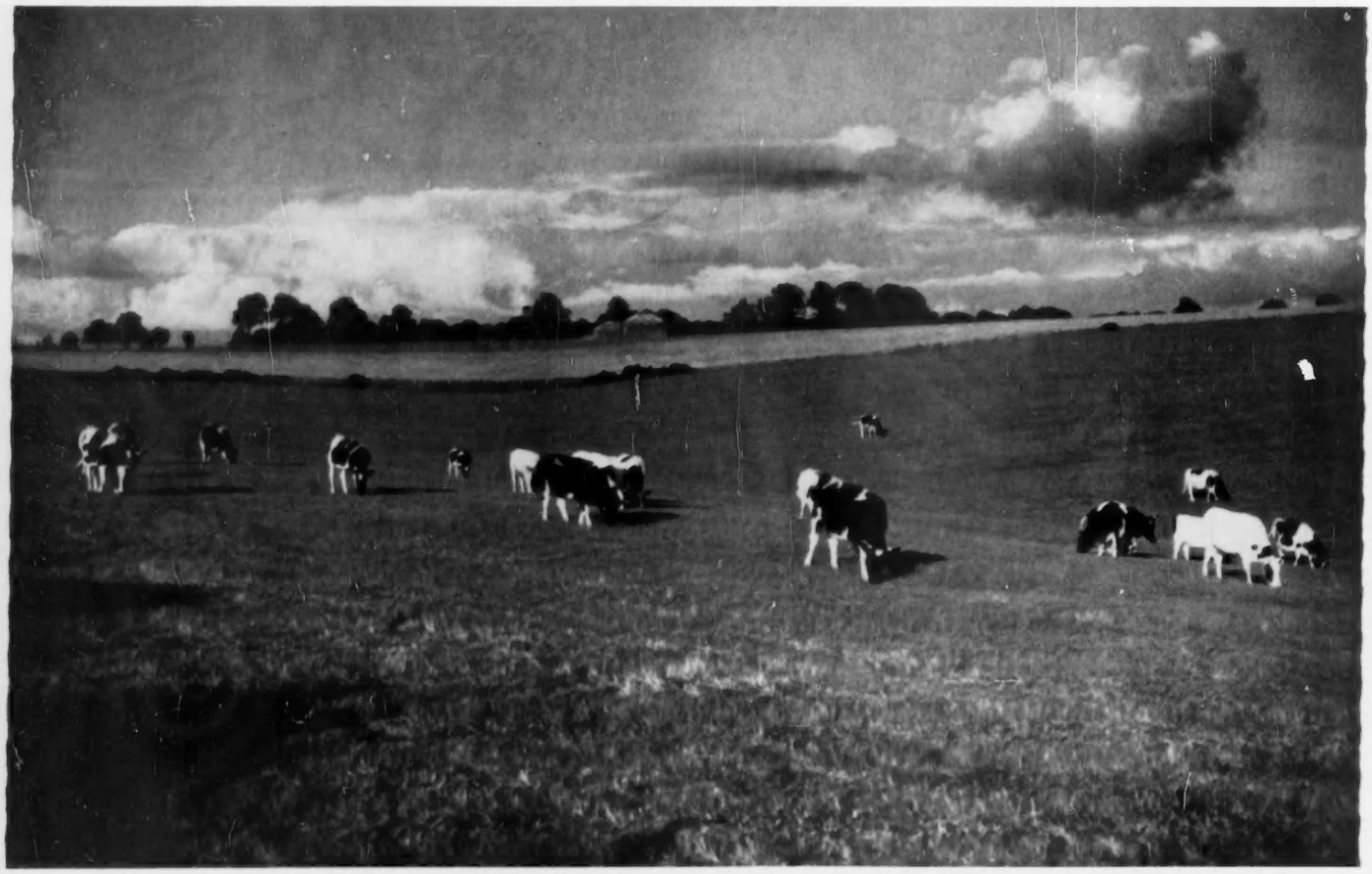
We managed to find a man who had a quantity of turf cleared from a site to be used for building, and this was purchased. The soil we had taken out was completely exhausted, and how it supported growth at all is a mystery. We have the problem of treating the turf to eliminate such pests as wireworm and we have to sterilise the new topsoil, all of which makes it likely that we shall have half as many tomatoes as last year, one tomato house being already planted. Again we have come to think about building a soil steriliser from drums and some bricks. All in all, we are contributing a deal of labour to this tomato-growing and we hope that the tomatoes will be all the sweeter for it.

CHANGES IN THE PATTERN OF FARMING

By ANTHONY HURD

YEAR after year we see some reduction in the acreage of land that is tilled and cropped, what is called the tillage area. Last year the total declined to 11,832,000 acres, but it is considerably higher than the 1939 total of 8,871,000 acres. The recent decline is not all loss. Some of it can be counted gain. There is no especial virtue in cultivating an extra big acreage if as good, or better, output from farming as a whole can be obtained by the development of alternate husbandry, grass and clover leys alternating with corn and root crops. This is what is happening. The total of temporary grass land has increased by 1,000,000 acres compared with 1939 and there is a significant figure also in the lucerne acreage, which has gone up from 32,000 acres to 111,000 acres. While the total of permanent grass land has remained steady in recent years, it is 5,000,000 acres less than in 1939.

Here, in the old grass meadows and pastures, is the greatest scope for a further increase in farm output. We need not worry greatly about tillage figures as an index of productivity, but the permanent grass figure is too high. It is true that some farmers are treating their permanent grass by the application of fertilisers and hormone sprays to destroy buttercups and other weeds, and so they obtain rather better yields of herbage now. But the output could be raised further in quality and quantity of herbage by bringing more of these permanent grass fields into the alternate husbandry rotation.



FRIESIAN CATTLE GRAZING ON A FARM NEAR BLANDFORD, IN DORSET. To judge by the number entered at the Royal Show, Friesians are as popular as ever

JERSEY COWS ON STRIP GRAZING AT CHARING, KENT. THE CLOSE CONTROL OF GRAZING MADE POSSIBLE BY THE USE OF ELECTRIC FENCES ENABLES A REMARKABLY HIGH OUTPUT OF HERBAGE TO BE PRODUCED ON THE LEYS

On the thinner soils, such as the gravelly loams and chalks, it is known that continuous tillage cropping brings trouble in soil exhaustion through the loss of humus content. This is best kept at a satisfactory level for full cropping by establishing grass and clover leys to be grazed by cattle and sheep for two or three years in the course of the arable rotation. Each farmer will decide the length of this rotation for himself according to the nature of the soil he is farming and the climate of the district, and also his preference in livestock policy. A typical rotation on medium soil is wheat, barley, grass and clover for three years, wheat, a fallow with rape, or potatoes or beet, another cereal and then grass and clover ley again. Under such a system cattle and sheep grazing on the leys will maintain themselves most economically and at the same time provide the natural manuring which is the best basis for the proper balance of fertility to secure high crop yields. There are farmers who manage to grow heavy yields of grain—30 cwt. and more to the acre—year after year without having any livestock on the place at all. They take a one-year crop of red clover alone or a short restorative ley to give a cut of hay. The aftermath is allowed to grow in the late summer and is then ploughed in as preparation for a following wheat crop.

But the more usual practice is to carry cattle on the leys, and now that we have electric fences which allow close grazing control, the cattle being given a fresh strip each day, this system can produce a remarkably high output of herbage that is always growing fresh through the summer and also of silage when there is surplus growth beyond the immediate needs of the cattle. Some farmers have introduced a further refinement by using the gang mower on their leys in May and June, so that the grass is kept for as long as possible in a vigorous growing state without reaching the flowering and seeding stage. The gang mower is certainly a good tool to achieve full output of herbage at the early stage of growth, which is the most valuable. There are those who say that the gang mower accompanied by heavy stocking is as good as a full dressing of fertiliser, and this certainly seems to be true on the deep soils on Romney Marsh. On the poorer land the use of fertilisers in proper balance, which often means potash as well as phosphate and nitrogen, is the necessary precursor to the full growth of herbage that allows intensive grazing under proper control. This builds up a bank of fertility in the soil.

The advances of mechanisation influence these changes in the farming pattern. To-day, through the Midlands and the southern half of the country we see the pick-up baler busy in the hayfields. This is a tool which used correctly and prudently will provide good-quality hay packed conveniently in bales for winter feeding without any further hand labour in winter. To be able to save the time of the man who used to spend five months of the year cutting hay out of ricks is a considerable gain. The pick-up baler has become one of the few kinds of farm equipment which can be kept in profitable use for several months in the summer. A few start using the baler as early as May to pack their silage into bales.

The value of this practice is not as yet fully established, but there is certainly use for the pick-up baler from June onwards in the hayfields, and then in the cornfields to deal with the straw after the combine harvester has been round. Indeed, a pick-up baler is now recognised as almost essential equipment on the farm growing 200 acres of corn and also leys to be made into hay.

Mechanisation is also bringing more concentration of crops. This is already true where big acreages of grain are grown, and it is becoming more marked in districts where soil and climate favour the growing of potatoes and sugar-beet. There is not yet a perfect potato lifter which without fault will extract 12 tons of tubers from the 450 tons of soil an acre. Thanks to the enterprise of the British Sugar Corporation good progress has been made in the development of sugar-beet harvesters. These are costly machines and they need to be kept fully employed. We must expect to see a concentration of these crops as mechanisation advances further.

There has been much loose talk about the drift from the land. British agriculture employs fewer men now than it did at the end of the war. The present labour force totals 750,000 against 900,000 in 1946, but the total was only 711,000 in 1939. It is a remarkable fact that agriculture is still employing more people than before the war.

The extra workers are women; fewer regular male workers are employed. What has happened is that mechanisation makes it economical to manage with fewer hands through the year and to take on extra help at the busiest time, such as root-hoeing in early summer, pea and fruit picking now, and potato lifting in the autumn.

We must expect farm minimum wages to rise still further. Mechanisation alters the economy of overtime. It pays the farmer using a machine that costs, say, £800 to keep it fully employed at the time when it can do its best work. The pick-up baler mentioned earlier is a case in point. When the sun shines and the wind blows dry, it pays the farmer to keep his pick-up baler at work on the hay through the weekend, even though the man on the tractor is earning 4s. 1d. an hour. This now becomes the standard overtime rate, applying to weekday evenings as well as the weekends.

It will be interesting to see what effect the higher weekday overtime rate has on the weekday overtime worked. There should be some scope for saving by the better arrangement of working hours where overtime has been accepted as a regular charge through the year, but at the busiest seasons such as haytime a few pence extra an hour should not stop an expensive

COMBINED OPERATIONS: BALES OF HAY BEING HAULED ON A SLEDGE BEHIND A PICK-UP BALER AT LENHAM, KENT. "The pick-up baler has become one of the few kinds of farm equipment which can be kept in profitable use for several months in the summer"

HARVESTING SUGAR-BEET BY MACHINERY IN NORFOLK. "THANKS TO THE ENTERPRISE OF THE BRITISH SUGAR CORPORATION GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUGAR-BEET HARVESTERS"

machine working full time when conditions are right. That would be false economy.

While the National Union of Agricultural Workers have been pressing for a 44-hour week to replace the 47-hour week and so provide for still more overtime, there does not seem to be among farm-workers generally any great feeling on this point. The tractor driver likes to earn more overtime. Indeed complaints are sometimes heard that farmers do not allow their men to work enough overtime. More than one man has moved to another farm where he and his wife thought more overtime could be earned. P.A.Y.E. tax comes into the picture, and the remission in this year's budget will be as welcome to farm-workers as to urban workers. The tractor driver has his best pay from spring sowing time to October. He has to recognise that his employment is seasonal, and indeed he would not want to sit on his tractor through very long hours when the wind blows cold on a raw winter day. Then he likes to get back to his tea and fireside by five o'clock. The fireside, a hot bath and main electricity are amenities that he and his wife appreciate as much as anybody else.

To prevent the drift from the land becoming so grave a problem as to upset the work of the farm, we have to press ahead everywhere with the modernisation of farm cottages. There are Government grants provided for this purpose, and in enlightened districts the local council readily encourages landowners and farmers to put their cottages in up-to-date condition. There are some laggard councils who will not sponsor any grants at all, or only on a reduced scale. The local farming community should rise up against them and make sure when the next local elections come along that their policy is changed. Unless this is done there will be a drift from the land in these districts, and ultimately the councils will find themselves having to build still more houses at public cost to accommodate those whose houses are condemned as below the proper standard.

Where regular farm labour is already short more use should be made of the agricultural apprenticeship scheme sponsored by the National Farmers' Union. A boy or girl can be apprenticed in agriculture or commercial horticulture for a three-year period with a training employer selected and approved by a district committee. So far about 400 apprentices have been placed. Kent is the county which has done most in this way. Applicants coming forward have been generally of a high standard and farmers who have taken on apprentices have been well pleased. Some of these boys and girls have not had any previous connection with the land, but they will make farm-work their career. The need now is for the more employers to undertake the training of apprentices. This scheme is the particular care of Mr. Harold Woolley at N.F.U. headquarters and he is always ready to give advice. Generally it is the girls who make the best success with livestock, particularly calf rearing.

This calf rearing is now becoming a major enterprise on many farms where milk selling or the fattening of purchased store cattle was formerly most important. The latest increase in the Government's subsidy on well-reared calves of beef type—£7 10s. instead of £5—will encourage this development. A baby calf that has the appearance of being bred for beef, one with a white Hereford face or a black polled calf, commands a price of £14 upwards and the extra subsidy will make the calf trade for this type of animal still keener. Some of these calves are the progeny of beef bulls whose services have been obtained from an artificial insemination centre. The best cows are reserved for breeding heifers, again through the artificial insemination centre, and the poorer yielders are used for breeding animals that will pass muster for beef. These cross-bred beasts are not in the same class as the pure-bred beef stock suckled by their dams, but they produce useful animals and the butchers have been paying high prices for them. Indeed, current returns for fatstock even of dairy type are probably reducing dairy herds more quickly and more drastically than any selective policy of culling for its own sake could ever achieve.

The most remarkable of the changes in the farming pattern in the past eight years has been the rapid increase in pig production on general farms. Last year's pig total was 6,250,000 compared with 4,400,000 in 1939. Yet there do not seem to be too many pigs suitable for the requirements of the bacon factories. The Fatstock Marketing Corporation, which is responsible for maintaining level supplies, has again raised the bacon pig price, and this at midsummer, when it would be expected that the seasonal decline in the demand for pork would result in too many pigs being offered to the bacon factories. All those concerned can find satisfaction in the recent improvement in the quality of British pigs. Farmers are now producing more pigs that suit consumers' choice. This must be the explanation of the continuing keen demand for pigs. We may see, when the annual census figures are published in August, that there is a decline in breeding stock. Those who keep faith with pigs and improve the quality of their stock all the time will probably find that they have taken the right decision.

WESSEX PIGS ON HILLY LAND NEAR CHARMOUTH, IN DORSET. "THE MOST REMARKABLE OF THE CHANGES IN THE FARMING PATTERN IN THE PAST EIGHT YEARS HAS BEEN THE RAPID INCREASE IN PIG PRODUCTION ON GENERAL FARMS"

ENGLISH AVALANCHES

By DUDLEY HOYS

ON an April afternoon of bright, wet light I was plodding and slithering down one of the many recognised descents that striate the south face of the Scafell group. A hummock to my right, thatched with old moss, invited rest. It was a more tempting seat than naked, splintered stone. I scrambled up to it and squatted there, comparing the sticky mildness with the recent iron-hard spell. A minute or so later there were ominous grinding sounds above. Nobody could have mistaken their meaning, and I thanked Providence for steering me up to the safety of the hummock. A rush of scree and small rocks came sweeping down, comfortably below me, clinking and echoing until a flattening curve brought them to a halt. A few of the heavier boulders went farther, bouncing in wild zig-zags. Measured against Alpine avalanches, this was Lilliputian, perhaps a couple of hundred tons, caused by the cracking effect of frost followed by thaw. But in its own way it was frightening enough.

I was reminded of the only other avalanche I had witnessed, in the Kandersteg area of Switzerland. That one, with its enormous weight of snow, had ripped up trees by the hundred, the whole mass tearing down with such friction that you could detect the scorched smell a mile away. I was particularly awe-struck, because a few years previously I had lost a friend in this fashion. He was seen to attempt to ride the avalanche on his skis, but the snow rose like a wave and buried him deep. Hours passed before a rescue party could locate him, and a very old man I knew suggested that the victim might have had a chance if he had worn a lengthy streamer of red thread. Fifty years ago, said the veteran, he and his contemporaries seldom challenged the high snows without this precaution. It could give a quick clue to the entombed.

We in England are inclined to accept avalanches as exclusively foreign hazards. Where snow is concerned, this is reasonably true, though there was the recent case in the Peak District when the police took prompt action to prevent what might have led to disaster. Blizzards built up a huge threat of snow above a road. The police diverted traffic and dislodged the potential avalanche with high explosive.

But stone avalanches are no rarities in our own hill country. Some three miles from where I live a track winds along the bank of the river, flanked by fell-breasts of granite, coloured with brackens and bents and heather and streaked by lacy becks. Sheep are brought down by this track and lovers of the lonely walk there. In August, 1953, after a teeming deluge of rain, there was a sudden and tremendous fall of boulders. The scanty, hard earth, embedded slabs of granite, adamant outcrops that seemed anchored for eternity were wrenched out of the fell-breast as if they had been no more than sand. Thousands of tons roared down into the trough of the gorge, and a shepherd I know who witnessed it from half a mile away said the noise was deafening. It left a scar 600 ft. long, 30 ft. wide and 10 ft. deep. If there were any sheep caught by that rocky cascade, their end must have been swift.

I sometimes wonder what must have been the feelings of the one occupant of Brackenclose, the climber's hut at Wasdale Head, on a certain sultry August night a little before the war. For once in a way, no other members had chosen this period for a holiday. With the silent hilly world to himself, he saw a cloud of ragged, lurid darkness sagging down towards the tops of Scafell Pike and Lingmell. As it burst, the weight of the flood had the destructive violence of a great bomb. Giant boulders, scree, rocks gathered in an avalanche that carved its own course. It swerved aside from the old bed of the Lingmell beck so that the bridge at the base of it was left high and dry, scooped out another, and spread fanned-out acres of stony desolation that remain a witness to that sensational night.

Wasdale, as those who know it will testify, is shaped for avalanches. The frowning wall of scree that dominates the southern edge of the lake, a slope nearly two thousand feet high where it falls imperiously from Ilgill Head, is never quite still. Splintered fragments creep and slide, and there is the story of a vicious storm that brought millions of tons breaking away to the waters below. Beyond the lake, in the crouching recess of Mosedale, perches a scree-run that once gladdened the heart of many a fell-walker in a hurry for tea. This airy descent of Dore Head meant that anybody with some small skill at the game could get down a thousand feet in a few minutes by digging in the heels, leaning well back and skating dalewards with the scree racing in accompaniment. Though the lordly skier might dub it a poor sport, to those who had panted aloft at about one mile per hour coming down almost effortlessly at about seven miles an hour was a delicious reward.

Now, the spring of 1955 has done its nastiest. The last time I tackled Dore Head, I found it had positively spawned avalanches. The upper stretches used to be of a scree nearly as fine as potting soil. They have been gouged and dissipated, and below them the new, fractured rocks hang about in sulky legion. Gone are the long, triumphant swoops. Who visits this scree run to-day must expect mean little slithers interspersed by a deal of awkward clambering. As for sitting down and descending in infant style, even a triple leather seat would end up indecently. I hate the avalanches for the harm they have done to Dore Head.

The plainsman who believes that only the most rugged mountains can produce these surface stirrings may be surprised to learn that mildly rounded hills are capable of queer tricks. Technically, I suppose, an avalanche would be described as a swift descent of solid matter. What, I wonder, is the proper title for a slow descent? This happened to the top of a hill near Great Witley, in Worcestershire, some five years ago. The news broke with the puffing arrival of a farmer at a neighbouring hamlet. He announced that the road running over the top of the hill was quietly sliding down the side of it.

Some sceptics at once attributed the story to the strength of the local brew. Other folk, more charitable, went out to have a look for themselves. What they saw was fantastic fact. Not only the road, but the bordering hedges and trees, were all gently slipping downhill. I was staying with some friends at Great Witley at this period, and spent half a morning viewing the freak. The road remained unbroken. The trees and hedges remained upright. It was as if the whole scene had been mounted on a moving staircase.

An expert diagnosed the cause to be the damming of a spring inside the hill itself. A mass of soil, he argued, must have tumbled into its natural escape channels, and the pressure of the trapped water was steadily forcing away that side of the hill. So they sunk a pipe to a considerable depth, and for days a jet shot out with the force of a battering ram. Superior persons might have described it as a landslide. But what is that, after all, but an undramatic name for an avalanche?

THE ROCKY SLOPES OF SCAFELL, CUMBERLAND. On the left is a scree where the author of this article witnessed an avalanche

FARMING IN THE ROYAL SHOW AREA

By CLYDE HIGGS

THE influence of a Royal Show is world-wide. There are differences of opinion about the show ring as a measure of efficiency in animals, yet a Royal Show prize-winner, even of a low category, is something to talk about, while champions and firsts are sought eagerly by customers from all parts of the world.

The latest developments in farm machinery and equipment can be seen side by side with old and trusted friends. This year's novelty may soon develop into the commonplace, but farming is a slow and ponderous business and any innovation will more likely require seasons of patient testing during the few days of the year when so many farm implements are used. Modified implements may find an overseas market; alas, often they are home patterns sent abroad to work under different conditions and to meet keen competition from manufacturers of other countries who take more notice of customers' requirements. The many ancillaries of farming occupy a large part of the show ground. There are many technicians who specialise in departments of the ever-increasing intricacies of farming at home and abroad.

The influence of the Royal Show on farming, then, is far from parochial; it knows no bounds. This article, however, is focused on Nottinghamshire—the physical home of the Royal after an absence of twenty-eight years.

Nottinghamshire is a smallish county. Four-fifths of the area, 400,000 acres, is agricultural land, but this is being nibbled at by industry, housing, roads, coal mining and so on at the rate of 1,000 acres a year. Open-cast coal mining has despoiled 1,500 acres. Farming cannot produce the same short-term output as coal. Methods of reinstatement are improving, so farmers affected by open-cast operations have to worry only about loss of income during the invasion and the problem of resuming full production; usually the wait for the land to settle so as to enable proper drainage to be carried out hinders this. In some extreme cases, where the surface is irregular, open-cast working carefully done may improve subsequent farming operations, but such cases are extremely rare.

Industry supports three-quarters of the population; the other quarter, a dwindling figure (12,000 full-time workers left the land of England last year to seek better paid and shorter-time jobs, so it is said, although some may have become redundant in a mechanising industry) is engaged on food production.

Nottinghamshire is a county of contrasts—cigarettes, bicycles, chemists' supplies, lace making, coal, gravel. There are the Dukeries, a shadow of their former greatness, for death duties are destroying the landowners and replacing them by tenant farmers who have to pay much more in interest than they did in rent. Usually owner occupiers prosper and improve their holdings; is this an argument for considerably higher rents? There is a new Sherwood Forest where farming has particular problems. Oil has been produced in modest quantities for many years, not far from the Anglo-Saxon open fields at Laxton, now fortunately under Government control, for though there can be no regrets about the continued progress of British farming, these fields remind us of things as they were and are in many other countries.

THE DUKE OF PORTLAND, PRESIDENT OF THIS YEAR'S ROYAL SHOW, IN THE COW SHEDS ON THE HOME FARM AT WELBECK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, AT MILKING TIME. These Ayrshire cattle are some of the best housed in the country

Laxton is not a museum piece; it continues to work as a system, including cropping, grazing and the care and enforcement of boundaries and drainage. Boundaries are important in a system where there are no hedges except on the boundaries of 700-acre fields. It is very tempting for a farmer to plough a bit over his limit. Laxton covers nearly 4,000 acres, as it did four centuries ago, and, with minor changes such as have been forced by the introduction of machinery, fixed wages, modern transport and welfare, continues to work as it did then.

The River Trent meanders for nearly sixty miles through the county, flanked mostly by rich alluvial meadows where permanent grass makes first-class feeding pastures yet to be excelled by temporary leys. Near Newark is some of the best arable land, producing heavy crops of wheat and sugar-beet and herbage seed. Drainage here, as is usual in such districts, is a perennial problem. The pressure of war forced a scheme to deepen the river. This was followed by the reclamation scheme at Gringley Carrs, which brought 3,500 acres into crop production, a costly job, for it entailed not only drainage but a pumping station, the making of roads, the removal of large quantities of bog oak from beneath the surface, the renovation of old and erection of new buildings, followed by the pouring on the land of lime, phosphate and potash. This large expanse, below river level, is protected by a bank. The farms are tenanted and continue to grow heavy crops of cereals and potatoes.

Sandy land covers a quarter of the county's farming area. This generally poor soil, with a fairly low rainfall (about twenty-four inches annually) is difficult and expensive to farm. High prices for farm produce have improved the farming of the sandy lands because they enabled farmers not only to exist but to invest more money in thin soil by using arable sheep and yard-fattened bullocks as humus producers, so giving plants something to live on and hold on to. Even so, it is not unusual for blowing to cause a loss of crop. Blowing sand will cut off seedlings of carrots, peas and sugar-beet, or a farmer may find his recently planted seed blown away with the sand into a neighbour's field.

Marginal-land production schemes are helping to bring more sandy land into cultivation. The lime subsidy is appreciated, for correct

SOME OF THE HERD OF LINCOLN RED CATTLE ON THE DUKE OF PORTLAND'S NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ESTATE

liming is imperative for growing profitable crops. However, an excess of lime will bring many trace-element problems—at the moment a topical subject, particularly where cattle and sheep are concerned. Little is known about it: a healthy cow can be a carcass in a short time. There is some foundation for the idea that mineral deficiences may be the result of unbalanced high farming. Perhaps the investigations now in hand by Ministry officials will solve this stock-keepers' nightmare. Lucerne does well on the sand, as do potatoes, although scab affects sales in the ware market. Generally, farms on sandy land are large, averaging about 150 acres each. Doubtless they will increase still further as mechanisation develops, for this type of soil lends itself to machinery. Machines for root crops are expensive and need a larger acreage to justify them than can be found on a smallholding.

On the marls and clays there is mixed farming and dairying. Once Stilton cheese making was the major industry of the Vale of Belvoir; now farmers and their wives find it more profitable and less exacting to sell whole milk to the Milk Marketing Board, leaving them to make factory cheese, which can never equal the home-made stuff, but must be accepted as an item in the price of progress. Heavy clays, even with all the available machinery, are not easy to cultivate, so here is found plenty of permanent pasture, which, with modern chemicals (some to invigorate and improve the grass and others to reduce weed competition), can produce, through livestock, an abundance of human food.

To sum up the cropping side of farming in the county—there are 130,000 acres permanent pasture; 60,000 each in leys and wheat; 18,000 potatoes and 14,000 sugar-beet, which is processed in two factories. Not long ago these factories had to import raw material; now farmers appreciate the value of sugar-beet as a light crop, and with more acres and higher yields acquired by improved technique some rationing of contracts is necessary. The rest of the land carries barley, peas for stock feed, 40,000 acres of oats and mixed corn. Oats should increase if the high prices of feeding-stuffs continue. There is fruit growing; Bramley's Seedling Apple was raised at Southwell about 1876, and the original tree is reputed to be there. Laxton strawberries and Merryweather damsons are natives of Nottinghamshire.

There are no indigenous breeds of cattle, sheep or pigs, though the Royal Agricultural Society's *Journal* for 1845 describes apropos of pigs, "a very superior breed, which combines with great size the best quality, possessing a larger frame than the Chinese and attaining, with nothing beyond ordinary keeping at 14 or 15 months' old 25 stone upwards. This breed of pigs has the greatest possible aptitude to fatten. In default of a better distinguishing title, it will be no misnomer to call it the Improved Nottinghamshire Pig." Pigs have greatly increased in numbers, but now, with more emphasis on quality and less profit margin, are falling off.

Sheep are half of 1939's figure and a quarter only compared to sixty years ago. The war-time ploughing-up campaign reduced them, and now labour difficulties (few young men want to be shepherds) and the growing dog menace in semi-urban areas prevent the building-up of this profitable farm department.

Lincoln Red cattle and Shorthorn cattle dominate the beef herds, which increase in sympathy with high prices. Beef producers are on a good wicket, for there is no sign of any surplus of good English meat. The 1,700 dairy farmers favour Friesian cattle, if the demand for that breed of bulls at the insemination centre is taken as an indication. There is average interest in milk recording, but attestation progresses slowly—at about half the national speed.

There are labour difficulties. What industry is free of them? The mines and factories attract the youth in Nottinghamshire just as they do elsewhere. With fewer workers it should be possible to pay the remainder higher rates and so encourage them to greater efforts. That seems to be the answer to this farm labour problem.

Nottinghamshire is in the East Midlands province of the National Agricultural Advisory Service. There are district advisory officers for each 1,000 farms, while a composite body covering all agricultural interests has been formed to further production. About 5,000 soil samples are examined every year by the provincial chemists. Of the eighteen experimental husbandry farms planned by the Ministry of Agriculture one is Gleadthorpe, near Mansfield. Here, on 490 acres at an altitude of 150 feet and with a 30-inch rainfall, the problems of sandy land farming are being investigated—so far without any overall costings, but one hopes!

In 1888, 150,000 people visited the Nottingham Royal Show; in 1928 100,000. Perhaps the present resuscitation of farming may bring this year's figure to that of the good old days.

Aerofilms

IN A CORN-GROWING AREA OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. An aerial view of the neighbourhood of Laxton, where the Anglo-Saxon open field system is still practised

TOWARDS BETTER SOFT FRUITS

COMBATING RASPBERRY AND STRAWBERRY PESTS

By **RAYMOND BUSH**

JUNE is the month when normally ripe strawberries gladden the eye of the gardener who has planted good runners in the previous autumn and is harvesting his first crop. Let us hope he has forgotten the two past summers of gloom and wet which did untold damage to so many crops. Then, with incessant rain, whole fields of ripening berries too sodden to handle were left to the slugs and all the moulds and rots which lack of sun brings forth. Many of last year's plants have carried the spores of mildew with them ready to begin their insidious invasion if conditions are favourable, but the grower with strong young plants can do much to keep them sound without crossing his fingers and praying for fine weather.

Though it is too late now to apply a full programme which should have been begun long before flowering, the grower can, when he has harvested his crop, apply a fine misty spray of an aphid-killing insecticide, since the greenfly of the strawberry carries and spreads a virus with his sap-sucking apparatus. As a spray nicotine has almost gone out and is to-day replaced by such powerful allies as B.H.C. and the systemic types which actually penetrate into the sap of the plant and kill the sucking aphid. With these modern sprays always follow the makers' instructions regarding dilution; so often one finds enthusiasts doing damage to fruit by imagining that just a little more is sure to increase its effectiveness. As the maker has to sell the spray he will be sure to advise you to use as much as he thinks fit, but since he has a reputation to maintain he is not going to overdo things. So for the strawberry aphid we use a systemic poison to prevent the aphid from spreading the virus of yellow edge and crinkle, diseases which turn fine big plants into stunted dwarfs. A plant once affected with the virus cannot be cured and remains one of those pathetic exhibits which one can almost always find in kitchen-garden strawberry beds of two or more years of age.

Mildew is a fungus disease which films unripe fruit with its pale coating, stunting it and preventing ripening. The disease spreads from the underside of the leaf in May, but some later control can be had by dusting the plants after fruiting with a fine sulphur dust. Dust penetrates beneath the leaf better than lime-sulphur wash, though it is slightly less effective. Two or three dust applications can be made at ten-day intervals after fruiting is over, and the job takes only a few minutes.

Keep a look-out in the strawberry bed for young plants which wilt and collapse, and do not imagine when this happens to an odd plant here or there in the bed that a can of water will remedy matters. The trouble is usually due to the subterranean activities of one or more of the big, white-bodied, black-headed cockchafer bug larvæ which feed on the roots. Moles, of course, can cause what are apparently the same symptoms, but normally make their presence obvious in other ways. The collapse of part of a plant is usually due to a wireworm which has burrowed up into one of the component parts of the strawberry crown. In the case of collapse of a whole plant, dig it up with a spadeful of soil and shake it out and collect (if you are lucky) the grub. You may be able to cut away the wilted section of a plant and examine by dissection for wireworm.

SEPTEMBER, A NEW VARIETY OF RASPBERRY FROM AMERICA. This fruits from late August until the first frost

Cockchafer grubs always attack strawberries planted in soil which has recently been down to grass, or where an old lawn has been turned over for kitchen garden purposes, and the grubs have a three-year life cycle. As the female May-bug likes firm ground in which to lay her eggs, the turning-up of the soil for vegetable growing clears the pest after the third year. One can guard against the trouble by applying a good heavy dressing of any reliable anti-wireworm dust, or by using one of the newer soil insecticides such as aldrin, which should be well dug in before planting. Aldrin is very potent and a mere 2½ pounds an acre will attend to most of the soil pests.

Many amateur growers are scared of the methods of pest control applied by commercial growers to their strawberries after fruiting, but those with courage can expect a good clearance of aphis, red spider, mildews and moulds if they cut off the leaves of the strawberry plants in late summer, taking care not to damage the crowns of the plants. Then, if the leaves are left to dry out thoroughly and are mixed with the dry straw rucked up lightly over the rows and set fire to on a day with a brisk breeze, they will burn away rapidly without more than superficial damage to the plants. Fresh growth will soon be thrown up and if that be dusted with sulphur no more will be needed until spring.

Since general fertilisers compounded with aldrin can now be had, it is a good plan to apply this to a vegetable crop preceding strawberry planting to provide good growth in the former and a clearance of soil pests preparatory to planting out strawberries. The extra cost is negligible.

In June raspberries are coming into flower, and the raspberry beetle is always with us. The beetle can be found in the first open blooms and throughout the period of blossoming. It is small and pale brown, and moves around the outside of the cone-shaped fruitlet within the circle of the calyx cup. Eggs are laid in the developing fruitlet, and unless egg-laying is prevented by the destruction of the beetle the eggs will hatch out in the ripening fruit, leaving discoloured drupes (the little sections which make up the fruit). The little white maggots can usually be seen crawling on the dish of picked raspberries or will be noticed as a scum of cooked maggots on the top of bottled fruits. In either case, it is a pity to have to apologise to one's guests for their presence, since a 99 per cent. control can easily be achieved.

RASPBERRY BEETLE LARVÆ. These common pests can be checked by a liquid derris spray

At full blossom spray thoroughly with a good liquid derris spray, using a wetter to ensure penetration and apply in the evening when most of the bees have ceased work. Repeat the spray about the end of June or early in July when the fruits are turning pink. If it is preferred a good derris dusting in place of spraying will do equally well. Though D.D.T. is as effective as derris, yet, since a deposit is left on the fruit and D.D.T. is still under suspicion as a cumulative poison, derris is to be preferred since it is harmless to human-beings and also tends to keep down red spider. (Neither chemical must be allowed to drift on to a pond with ornamental goldfish, as they are deadly to fish.)

When raspberry foliage tends to grow yellow, indicating chlorosis, this may be due to lime in the soil holding up iron which is essential for the manufacture by the leaf of chlorophyll, the substance which ensures green colouring. There is a new treatment for this via the roots, in the shape of sequestrone—assimilable forms of iron which can be applied to the soil and hoed in. If these fail to remedy the condition, a spray of magnesium sulphate or of manganese sulphate, or both, may be needed. Usually, however, when raspberries are planted in a kitchen garden which has had annual dressings of lime for vegetable crops, the lime is in excess, since the raspberry prefers a slightly acid or neutral soil.

If you notice that a number of strong canes which should have fruited in the summer have died you must suspect the fungus of cane blight, which is able to infect the cane after the damage done to it by the tiny maggots of the equally tiny raspberry cane midge. The midges, emerging from the soil in late spring and summer, lay their eggs in the tiny cracks normally produced at the base of new growths. The thin skin of the cane peels back and the fungus spores gain

entry. Their development rings the cane and cuts off the sap flow, and death of the cane ensues. To control this, one should spray the first foot of the cane row, which is bound to include the young growths, in late May or early June, using a lindane wash. It is well to note what proportion of the canes left for fruiting succumb and show the typical rough, split base which denotes cane blight. Then steps can be taken next season. It is generally considered that mulching with dry litter or grass cuttings tends to increase the cane midges by giving them good cover, but since mulching in dry weather is helpful, the remedy can be applied before the mulch.

Virus diseases of raspberries, which now number more than ten, are mainly carried by the raspberry aphis whose honey dew in dry summers can often be seen glistening on the leaves. Aphis is easily controlled if you will remember to include the raspberry rows in your winter-wash spraying, using a 5 per cent. tar-oil spray in December-January.

These are the principal summer troubles of these two fruits, but growing big crops of fine fruit demands plenty of manure and adequate water. Good rotten farm-yard manure incorporated into the soil before planting will hold up much water and also supply nutrients. Additions of artificial manures can never replace humus-making manure. You cannot put too much manure of this type into a strawberry bed prior to planting, digging it well into the top 18 inches. For raspberries it is better to dig an 18-inch deep trench, incorporating much manure into the bottom nine inches, filling in the trench with a little more manure and drawing top soil in to complete the filling. Then, if the canes are planted along the trench, the roots will be down to the manure when its help is needed.

A strawberry patch should be manured for its life of up to three years, and the sooner one can plant after July the better. Plant strong runners then; you may have to nip off flower buds in September, and strong fruiting plants will be ready for the first summer. Plant in spring and you lose a year. Heaviest fruiting will be the second season's crop, though some robust types will last the three or even four years. It is essential to buy good plants from certified growers, who advertise their plants in the trade papers. Raspberries also must be of sound stock. Both strawberries and raspberry canes for planting are raised from stock which has not been weakened by fruiting.

TWO STRAWBERRY PLANTS, THE LEFT SUFFERING FROM YELLOW EDGE AND THE RIGHT HEALTHY. Aphides spread the virus of this disease, which permanently stunts the affected plant

If it has not been possible to dig in enough manure before planting time, the best types of fertiliser to use are the organic manures such as dried blood, hoof and horn, which give good supplies of nitrogen, and meat and bone, bone meal or fish meal, which supply some nitrogen and plenty of phosphate. Little potash is needed unless a deficiency shows up in scorched leaf edges. For both fruits avoid throwing down such manures as sulphate of ammonia or sulphate of potash along the plant rows, since both are caustic to young growths.

The best strawberry for quality is still the Royal Sovereign. The heaviest cropper of late years has been Auchincruive Climax, but this suffers from a trouble known as the yellows, which may develop into an active virus. At the same time plants from sound stocks are still very good, and the raiser is reputed to have in Talisman an equally strong variety which should be on the market in the autumn. Cambridge 422 is still popular with growers and is early. Perle de Prague is disease-resistant, but its fruit is pale and inclined to be small, though in copious supply.

In raspberries the re-invigorated Lloyd George, raised in isolation (how that great man would have hated it), is a fine berry and ideal for dessert and bottling. Malling Promise makes rather too much cane and is apt to be soft though large. Malling Exploit is probably the best garden variety. Norfolk Giant is the most resistant to disease and the longest-lived, but its fruit is on the small side, rather dark and acid, though first-rate for jam. Probably the best autumn raspberry is a new variety from America called September, which fruits from late August until the first frost, and is now obtainable in England.

IN SEARCH OF NIGHTINGALES

By **JUNE WILSON**

THERE are scarcely ever nightingales within the bounds of our own parish. Once in the last fifteen years they have bred here, and then it was at a time when their singing blended strangely with the roar of bombers passing overhead on their way out to their night's work. The wooded valley would seem perfect for them, but it does not please them, so we must go elsewhere to hear their song.

Three or four miles away there is a big wood which is divided into quarters by the rides that run straight through it in the shape of a cross. In one quarter are the remains of a Roman villa which was discovered eighty years ago when a sporting parson was making an earth for foxes to breed in. In another quarter is a pool, overhung with trees, called the Black Pond, where once a seaman was robbed and murdered by one of his shipmates. For me it is a special place, not because of these things, but because I walked or rode here almost daily as a child, and it has the enchantment of the places of childhood which nothing can destroy and nothing quite rival. It was here that I went in search of nightingales on a perfect summer evening at the end of a day of warmth and sunshine.

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It was twilight already as I drove along the lanes, and the cow parsley foaming between hedge and roadway appeared as two long white clouds stretching out before me, like the feathery vapour trails that I had seen that day stretching across the blue sky in the wake of aeroplanes. There was a light in the woodman's cottage, but the big gates there were shut, and I went on to the far corner of the wood and stopped the car at the roadside. When I turned off the engine, the silence seemed to be absolute, and I shut the door behind me quietly with the feeling that one has in church that it is irreverent to make a noise.

The moon was up, more than half-way towards her fullness; I looked up at her through the branches of an ash tree whose leaves were only just opening. "Come the oak before the ash, we shall only have a splash" the old saying goes, but the ash is nearly always last and all too often opens upon a wet summer. I went through the gate into the field and began to walk along the edge of the wood, and as I went I heard, one by one, the sounds of the night that I had thought silent. Two or three fields away, an owl was calling, "Kewick, kewick, kewick"; distantly a dog barked, and a man whistled a tuneless tune as he came up the road on his cycle. Then a cuckoo began to call, its tender, velvet voice most beautiful in the dusk. The sky was not quite drained of light yet; there was still a faint pinkness in the west and above it a pale, sad green that melted into the blue overhead, but the evening star was already shining. The grass was beginning to be wet with dew and the little blue bird's-eye and the daisies were tightly shut, but I saw an open white flower at my feet and bent to look at it. It was a wild strawberry, and I suddenly remembered that they always grew on the wall at the corner of the wood and that there had been a particular pleasure in eating them when I was only just tall enough to reach the plants.

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The whistling man had gone out of hearing now, and the cuckoo was silent, and deep in the wood I could hear the nightingales. I stood still to listen, and suddenly one began to sing close by me, in a thicket under some may trees. One can argue that the nightingale's song is overrated, that only ornithologists notice it by day, that the poets have romanticised it and that the blackbird sings just as beautifully and is made less fuss of. All of which is partly true. But there is a quality of emotion in this song that is in no other. To attribute emotion to it is unscientific and perhaps false, yet I cannot avoid thinking of it in that way. It is not an effortless song; it has not the gay defiance of the blackbird's liquid whistle, or the exultation of the blackcap; it gushes from their throats like blood gushing from a mortal wound. They seem to be wracked and tortured by the music that they can neither stay nor fully understand.

"Our song is the voice of desire that haunts our dreams," Bridges wrote, and he, perhaps, more than most of that multitude of poets that have written about the nightingale, has captured the essence of the song. It is desire, one can think if it be not too fanciful, for a world that men have forgotten even to long for until they are reminded by the nightingale. At the heart of all beauty, whether it assails the senses or drives straight into the mind, there is this reminder that we are "strangers and pilgrims on the earth," this curious ability to make us feel, as Chesterton so well expressed it, "homesick though we are at home."

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A faint mist was rising off the fields as the dew fell silently on the warm earth. Sometimes one bird sang, sometimes three or four at once, calling and answering or rivalling one another from different quarters of the wood, and always that throbbing, oft-repeated note fell on the ear like the beating of a pulse, only to die away into the silence of the "starry woods." As I stood listening, I thought suddenly of the Roman who had lived here, not two hundred yards from where I stood, and had trod, perhaps, this very ground over sixteen hundred years ago. The green things had crept back to the place from which he had banished them, and the earth had closed over all that was left of his house, and the nightingales, caring nothing, sang his requiem.

THE NEW WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONS

By LANCE TINGAY

THE Lawn Tennis Championships for 1955 will be recorded in the game's annals not as the most exciting or dramatic but assuredly on other counts. For one, notably, the major crown, the men's singles, was taken in forthright fashion by Marion Anthony Trabert, a 24-year-old American, in a way equalled only once. He did not lose a set in any of seven matches.

The only other man to accomplish this was one of the lawn tennis immortals, Donald Budge, who did so in 1938. Such a record, of course, dates only from 1922, the year the challenge round was abolished and the holder was required to play through. Not that even Budge was Wimbledon's most devastating winner. Jack Kramer, in 1947, won the title with the loss of fewer games than any other, though he dropped one set. Strictly, the order of overwhelming champions is (1) Kramer, (2) Budge and (3) Trabert, all Americans.

Second, for the first time since 1937 a Wimbledon title came back to Britain. True, this was in the least spectacular of events, the women's doubles, but after we had been so long in a lawn tennis wilderness it was pleasing to acclaim two English heroines, Miss Angela Mortimer and Miss Ann Shilcock.

Third, the dictum in sport that "they never come back" was defied. The stalwart, expert strokes of Miss Louise Brough that had given her the title three years running, 1948 to 1950, triumphed once again. In the absence of the 1952-54 champion, the prodigious Miss Maureen Connolly, she again beat the field and won at the age of 32.

A fourth count on which this year's Wimbledon was notable will not be mentioned on the list of records. This was the year that laughter came back to the Centre Court and others. Merriment, *joie-de-vivre*, have long been rare in the grim business of world-class lawn tennis. How welcome, then, was she who took pride of place in the list of happy players!

Miss Darlene Hard was her name, a Californian. A robust cowgirl from the west she could easily be, and, despite her heartiness, her bubbling humour and infectious gaiety, she contrived always to be essentially feminine. Here was a girl—only 19—who got fun out of lawn tennis. She did not win any title (and small wonder since, in truth, she is not yet good enough) but her rollicking talents, her virility of service, smash and volley, carried her far, and from the start of the tournament till the second Friday her happy vitality spread good humour among the crowds.

The vivacious Miss Hard was not the only happy warrior. There were two Italians in the field, N. Pietrangeli and O. Sirola, who also brought good humour into all their games and endeared themselves to all spectators and, I think, to all opponents. They dispelled grim faces even on the other side of the net.

They gained lawn tennis kudos, too. Memorably, they all but beat the American doubles pair, Vic Seixas and Tony Trabert; they led by the wide margin of 6-4, 18-16 and 4-0 before declining. As for Pietrangeli, he, the first Italian to do so since 1928, joined the exclusive club of men reaching the last eight of the Wimbledon singles. Britain's Tony Mottram was among his victims.

A third Italian also endeared himself, little G. Merlo, a remarkable little man with a double-fisted stroke on the backhand, a freakish forehand with racket held half way up the handle and the most pawky yet effective shots that ever troubled world-class players. He, accurate to the nth degree with passing shots against the volleyer and with the knack of bringing down pacemakers to his own gentle level, got as far as the last sixteen before losing to the Australian, Ken Rosewall. He retired in the third set when, because of tremendous nervous concentration, he was utterly exhausted.

To complete this list of merry personalities that brought joy to all I must mention Freddie Huber, the red-haired Austrian. His appearance was fleeting and confined to the first few days, but his acrobatic exploits were appreciated.

So much for Wimbledon's entertainment, more rich than for many years. The sporting achievements were, as ever, the backbone of the play. The Dane, Kurt Nielsen, accomplished, other than the winner Trabert, as much as anyone else. He was not one of the eight seeds who, before the start, are accounted most likely to reach the quarter-finals and placed in the draw accordingly. He was just one of 120 presumed also-rans; yet he reached the final.

That in itself would have been remarkable. But I wrote just the same about him in 1953. Where Nielsen became unique in achievement was in doing it for the second time, losing the final to Seixas in 1953 and to Trabert in 1955.

No seeding committee, looking at Nielsen's playing record from 1953 onwards, could possibly have picked him out. Things fell well for him. He might have met one seeded man, the Australian Rex Hartwig, in the fourth round, but a South African, Abe Segal, had removed the threat the round before. After that Nielsen should have met the third seed, Seixas, who always beats him and had, in fact, done so in the French Championships not long before. But Seixas had been downed by another American, Gil Shea, who, in turn, had lost to Pietrangeli.

Pietrangeli, one of Nielsen's own victims in the French meeting, he quelled with difficulty. Then came Nielsen's most real and solid triumph. He beat the Australian Rosewall in the semi-final.

Two years before one of Nielsen's triumphs had been against the same man. Since Rosewall had not then been fit, it was a victory more disparaged than praised. Nielsen, a most human fellow, could not help stressing that the watering down of his 1953 win had given him the incentive to do the same again, since he knew it had been entirely on his merits. He used the same tactics, the sliced attacking ball down the middle of the court, to spike defensive guns. This burly, genial Dane well proved his contention. He was right and most others were wrong.

When it came to the final Nielsen was no match for the relentless solidity of Trabert, any more than he had been in 1953 against Seixas, who was then in his prime.

The popular defending champion, J. Drobny, lost his title in a quarter-final. He, too, had been disparaged by some before the start. Certainly he had had no form earlier in the season and was not entirely fit, with muscle strains and a grumbling appendix to worry him. He played better than his critics anticipated.

In singles the Australians, who take their sport seriously, can look back to Wimbledon this year only as a failure. Rosewall's loss to Nielsen was a quite unexpected blow. So, too, was the defeat of the burly Lew Hoad by the 1950 champion, Budge Patty, the American.

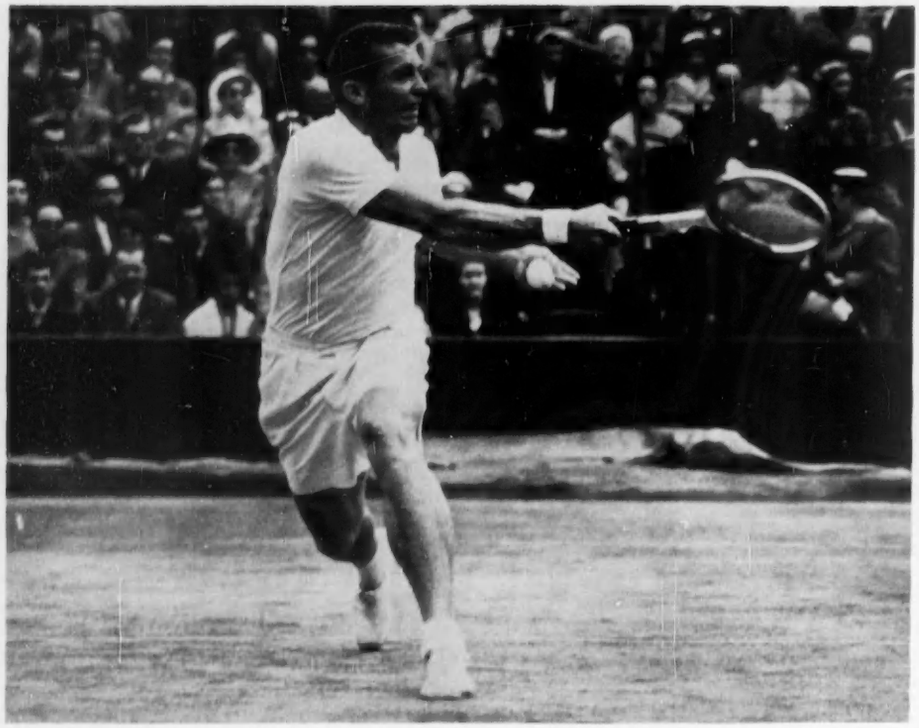
Trabert is a most solid champion and will surely rank with Kramer and Frank Sedgman as among the best of post-war winners. His precise aggression and concentration never faltered for an instant. He submerged all opposition like the incoming tide. He hails from Cincinnati. It is not unlikely that he will turn professional, but presumbly he will want to have the American national title, which he last gained in 1953, before he takes that step.

The final match, in which Miss Brough clinched her fourth singles victory—no woman has won so often since Mrs. Helen Wills-Roark—was a feast of a match. The ambidextrous Mrs. Beverly Fleitz, who overwhelmed Miss Doris Hart in the semi-final, resisted nobly, but where she had but two guns, her dashing forehand on either wing, Miss Brough had a whole armoury of offensive and defensive weapons.

Britain's women did not shine in the singles as they did in the doubles. Miss Angela Buxton got to the quarter-finals, but no farther. Miss Angela Mortimer, despite the crown as French champion that she wears, could not fill her seeding place, but was beaten by the Hungarian, Miss Susie Kormoczi, in the second round.

Australians, Rex Hartwig and Lew Hoad, won the men's doubles. Americans were beaten here, and Seixas and Trabert, holders of the titles of the United States, Australia and France, failed at the semi-final stage. It was Australia's second pair, Rosewall and Neale Fraser, that brought them down.

Miss Doris Hart, once undisputed queen of Wimbledon, was beaten in the singles and beaten also in the women's doubles, for which she and Mrs. Barbara Davidson were the top seeds. Two young English girls, Miss Jennifer Middleton and Miss Doreen Spiers, surprised themselves and everybody else with a victory here. Miss Hart had solace in the mixed doubles. She and Vic Seixas won for the third year running, Miss Hart for the fifth time. Both are achievements unique at Wimbledon.



T. TRABERT (U.S.A.), THE NEW WIMBLEDON MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION, IN ACTION IN THE FINAL AGAINST K. NIELSEN (DENMARK)

A WONDERFUL HENLEY

By CEDRIC VENABLES

WHEN foreign competitors can, in successive years, come to Henley and win six out of the seven open events, inevitably the question will be "What is wrong with British rowing?" The answer is, of course, that nothing is wrong but that we have a different approach and do not regard winning as the only right result of a race. The stroke of a college boat which had been beaten by half a length said to me, "I enjoyed every minute of that race and we have never gone better." His remark was completely typical of the British attitude to rowing.

Where we are wrong, I think, is that we, who were once the teachers, are very slow to learn from our pupils that practice, and still more practice, coupled with perfect physical fitness, is the only way to win races. Thames Rowing Club and the Royal Air Force are, however, notable exceptions. When the Russians gained their spectacular successes last year it was acknowledged that they achieved such excellence only by years of training. When Henley was over last year Thames thought only of finding a crew to win the Grand Challenge Cup this year and for 12 months all their planning went to that end. The result was that they came to Henley this time with a first-class crew which, in nine years out of ten, would have walked away with the Grand. They were far and away better than any other English crew, and it was unfortunate for them that the overseas opposition happened to be particularly strong and just too good for them.

Then, there was the Royal Air Force eight in the Thames Cup. It would be hard to find fault with the methods of a crew which achieved what they did. On Friday morning they rowed a dead heat with Pennsylvania University after being led for most of the way and then, in the evening, won the re-row by four feet. That meant that, in one day, they rowed two miles and 1,100 yards with the advantage of little more than a yard at the end of it. Physically, those two races must have been a terrible strain, yet, on Saturday morning, in the semi-final they were still able to pull out another wonderful finishing spurt. Molesey had been in front for a mile, but the R.A.F. came up to win by three feet. Such performances were made possible only by the dual qualities of perfect physical fitness and courageous determination. In the final on Saturday evening they failed by only a third of a length to beat the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who, though taken to half a length by London Rowing Club in the other semi-final, had had no other specially gruelling races. One can only guess whether a dead heat followed by wins of four feet and three feet lost the Thames Cup for the R.A.F.

Of all the incidents of a wonderful Henley in which there was so much brilliant and exciting racing none will be remembered longer than that great semi-final of the Grand, in which Vancouver beat the Russian Krasnoe Znamia eight. Not for many years has any crew had such an ovation as that which greeted the Canadians when, having been behind for a mile, they gradually drew level and in the last furlong took the lead. But that ovation was because the Canadians won rather than because the Russians lost.

The Russians themselves were popular with the other Henley oarsmen, and there was none of the "purdah" business which they had imposed on themselves on their previous visit. That they could not get their boat because of the dock strike was unfortunate, and by first withdrawing and then seeking re-admission to the various events they set a difficult problem to the Stewards' Committee. Behind the Iron Curtain success in sport goes hand in hand with national prestige, which, again, is closely linked with politics. If the decision by the Stewards' Committee to allow the Russians to withdraw their withdrawal was unorthodox one can only feel that, in the circumstances, it was a right one.

Actually, the fuss about the boats had its funny side. When Krasnoe Znamia beat Jesus College, Cambridge, they still used the borrowed boat in which they had practised for a week and they returned to their own craft only when they met and lost to the Canadians. The truth is that they were far better boated in the borrowed craft. Their own was too light for them, with the water nearly up to the gunwales and the canvases practically awash.

After the thrills of the Canadian-Russian race, the final of the Grand seemed almost to be an anti-climax. Yet it was another fine race. Pennsylvania University led by as much as half a length at Fawley, but at the enclosures Vancouver had reduced that lead to only a foot or two. It looked for a moment as if they might pass the Americans and win another sensational victory, but Pennsylvania had something in hand and went away again to win by a third of a length. Certainly that finishing and winning American spurt was worth going a long way to see.

The Diamond Sculls went to T. Kocerka, of Poland. A foreign victory was, at least, not unexpected, but from the four days' racing the fact has emerged that we have a number of good British scullers. T. A. Fox, of London Rowing Club, who has twice won the Diamonds, just failed to hold Kocerka in the first round, which reduced the chances of a home victory. But in the final, S. Rand, of the R.A.F., sculled a wonderful race. The Pole got an early lead of a length and a half, but never a foot more, and when, having staved off one spurt after another by Rand, he passed the winning post, he was a very tired man indeed. One felt that if Rand could have made just one more effort Kocerka would not have been the winner.

Of the other British scullers D. V. Melvin, of the John O'Gaunt Club, and M. C. Clay, of Nottingham and Union, were the best. Melvin is probably the most improved sculler in the country, and Clay, who is only 20, should be very good when experience teaches him more of the technique of racing. Incidentally, with another Olympic Regatta due next year one can imagine that Fox and Melvin would make an ideal double sculling pair, particularly if Melvin sets the pace.

The races for the Ladies' Plate and the Visitors' Cup have once again shown that college racing at Cambridge is still a long way superior to that at Oxford. Four years ago New College won the Ladies' Plate, but, since 1923, that has been the only Oxford victory in that event—which is a sobering thought for Oxford supporters. This year's racing showed that the balance of power is changing at Cambridge. For five years Lady Margaret were Head of the River; during those years they produced many great oarsmen and in 1951 won the Grand, which, in these days of fierce and international competition, is a rare feat for a college boat club.

Now, Jesus have displaced them as Head of the River and their decline was further emphasised at Henley when Queens' easily beat them in the final of the Ladies' Plate, and Trinity Hall had a two and a half length win against them in the final of the Visitors' Cup. That victory by Queens' made Henley history, for they had never previously won the Ladies' Plate, or even gone as far as the final.

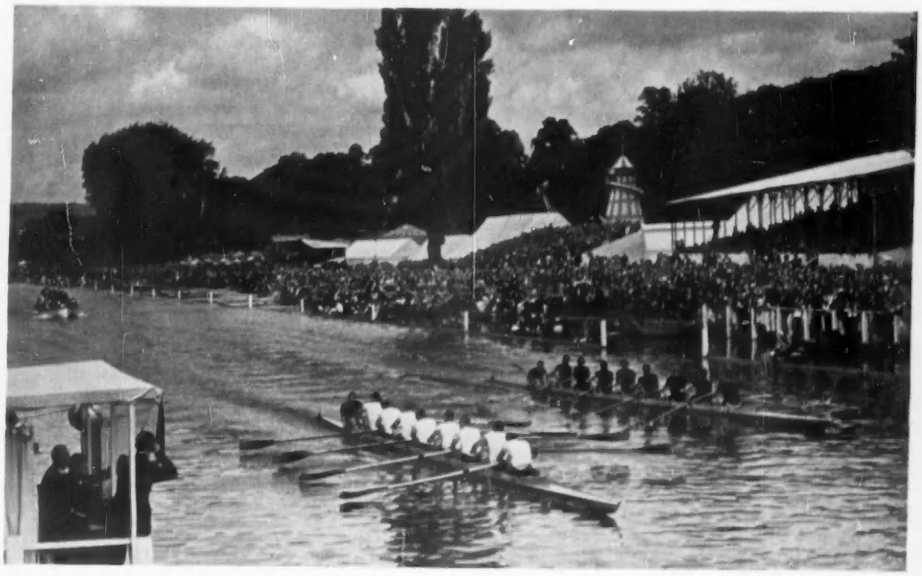
Not the least among the many good things at Henley was the fine rowing by the schools, and it was good to see that more and more of them are coming into the Henley pattern. King's School, Chester, and Methodist College, Belfast, came for the first time, and Beaumont reappeared after an absence of 20 years. It was unlucky for Beaumont that they were destined to be beaten in an eliminating race, and one hopes that this will not discourage them in their ambitions for the future.

To many old Etonians it will be little short of heresy to suggest that Eton should forsake the Ladies' Plate and enter for the Princess Elizabeth Cup, but it would bring much added interest to the latter event and to the Regatta in general if they would throw in their lot with the other schools.

The racing for the Princess Elizabeth Cup was among the most exciting in the whole four days. Only a canvas separated the newcomers, King's School, Chester, and Methodist College, when they met in the first round, and Bryanston beat the King's School, Canterbury, by the same margin. St. Paul's, from being behind most of the way, raced up to beat Radley by a few feet, and St. Edward's did the same thing to Winchester.

Yet, those races were only a foretaste of what was to come in the final between Shrewsbury and Oundle. All along the course they raced level, with neither crew gaining an inch. Then, at the top of the enclosures, came a supreme effort by Shrewsbury and they went up a few feet. It was a beautifully timed spurt by J. R. H. Lander, the Shrewsbury stroke, and left little room for Oundle to put in a counter spurt, even if, then, they had been able to make it. Shrewsbury held on to what they had gained to win by eight feet, their first Henley victory since they won the Ladies' Plate in 1932. They were a well balanced and well trained crew and rightly seemed to have complete confidence in their own abilities.

For Oundle one must have some sympathy. They came to Henley with J. P. K. Garthwaite, their captain, the only member of the crew with previous experience, but they raced with plenty of assurance and no little skill. They have now reached the final in successive years, and, if there is any justice in rowing, victory should surely be theirs next time.



THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (United States) winning the race for the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley from Vancouver Rowing Club (Canada) by a third of a length

CLEVEDON COURT, SOMERSET—II

THE HOME OF SIR ARTHUR ELTON, BT.

By ARTHUR OSWALD

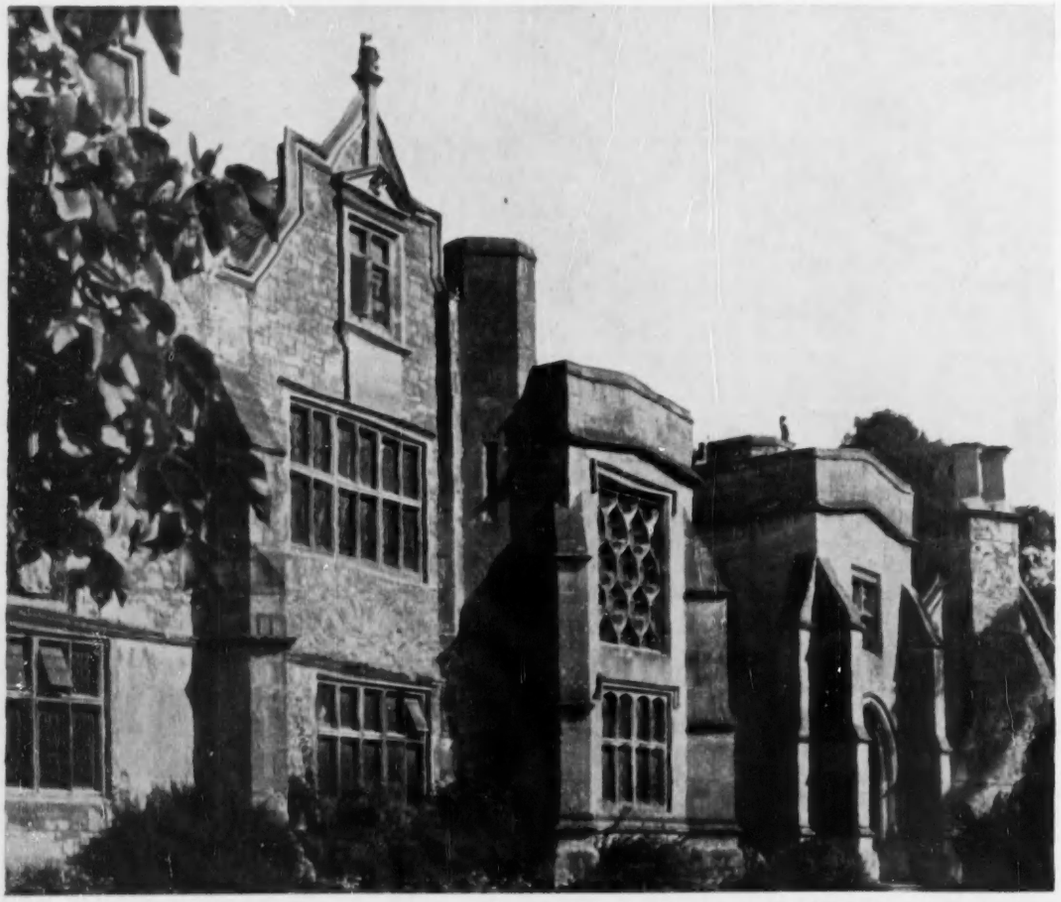
Since Abraham Elton of Bristol purchased the property in 1709, Clevedon has been the home of his family; it has literary associations with the Hallams and Thackeray. There is a proposal for reducing the size of the house by removing later additions and thus showing to better advantage its mediæval character.

IF defence had been the main consideration with the mediæval builders of Clevedon Court, the choice of site would be difficult to explain. Standing on the terrace walk behind the house (Fig. 1), you find yourself above the level of the roofs, so that you can look right over them out into the wide, flat pastoral landscape, which is bounded southward by the hills west of Dundry and southwest by the more distant Mendip. One of the views reproduced in the first article showed how the house is wedged into the hillside and how it could have been overlooked by assailants from the north. Against siege engines, lobbing cannon balls on to it, it would have been untenable; but the wall that enclosed the mediæval house, one section of which, running up the hill, has been preserved as the east wall of the garden, would, with such other defences as the portcullises to the porches, have been sufficient to give protection against raiders armed only with hand weapons.

A date about 1320 was suggested last week for the building of this remarkably complete Edwardian manor house and we saw that the lord of Clevedon was then Sir John de Clevedon. Fig. 2 shows the south front with the chapel annexe and the porch, both heavily buttressed and projecting far enough for the hall behind them to be lost to view from this angle; beyond is seen the end wall of the earlier wing containing the kitchen. Recent removal of ivy and climbers has revealed the fine quality of the 14th-century masonry and the architectural details—the boldly defined plinth course and set-offs to the buttresses, the deep parapet, the net of ogee quatrefoils composing the tracery of the chapel window, and the turret, corbelled out from the angle, which contains the stair going up from the chapel to the roof. There is no record of Sir John de Clevedon being granted a licence to crenellate; hence, no doubt, the absence of battlements.

The window above the doorway of the south porch seems originally to have had a pointed arch. There is a filling of later stonework above the present flat top. This porch room retains the ancient timbers of its roof (Fig. 7), but the two rather clumsy brackets are later insertions. Until the fire of 1882, which gutted the west end of the house, the chapel (Fig. 8) had been used as a boudoir and, indeed, its original purpose had been forgotten. The east window had been blocked up. In the restoration following the fire it was found to have tracery corresponding to that of the large south window; a stone *mensa*, which had formed the altar, had been broken off below the window, and to the right of it a piscina with a broken bowl was uncovered. The room, when restored, was fitted up as a chapel, and the two windows were filled with stained glass. As we have seen, there is every reason for identifying this with the chapel of St. Peter "in my manor of Clyvedon" mentioned by Sir John de Clevedon in his will of 1336. There was another manorial chapel, dedicated to St. Nicholas, which was known as the chapel of Hyde Hall, now represented by Highdale Farm. In 1404 John Bluet, who held the manor of Clevedon for a few years in the reign of Henry IV, in right of his wife, received permission for Masses to be celebrated for one year in his oratories, one of which was, no doubt, this chapel in the house.

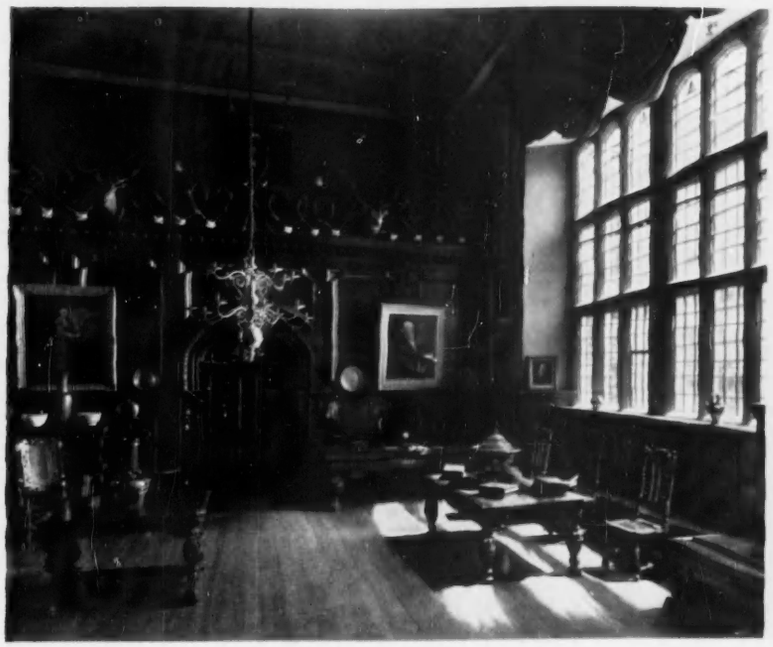
1.—THE PRETTY TERRACE, LOOKING WEST TO THE OCTAGONAL GARDEN HOUSE



2.—FROM THE SOUTH-WEST. THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE SHOWING THE EARLY-14th-CENTURY CHAPEL AND ENTRANCE PORCH

In the north wall there is a 14th-century window looking into the hall, designed, perhaps, so that those in the hall might participate to some degree in the service when Mass was being said, and, perhaps, also that the lord, with whose solar the chapel communicated, could see what was going on below. As Fig. 2 shows, the stair turret does not descend to the alcove room below the chapel from which Fig. 5 is taken. The fine 14th-century chamfered arch, which separates the recess from the hall, though known to exist, was not opened until after the fire.

The hall has lost most of its original character as a result of the insertion of early Tudor windows and fireplace,



3.—THE GREAT HALL LOOKING TOWARDS THE SCREENS AS IT WAS BEFORE 1953. (*Right*) 4.—ELIZABETHAN DOORWAY IN THE WEST WALL OF THE HALL

Georgian and later woodwork and the flat plaster ceiling. The south window, a very large one (Fig. 3), is shown in the early-18th-century painting of the Court (reproduced last week) with a flat head but only one transom. The fourth Sir Abraham Elton, who early in George III's reign rebuilt the west front of the house in Gothick style, gave this window a pointed arch and intersecting tracery, but it recovered its Tudor form early this century. The north window (Fig. 5) is remarkable in being placed above the fireplace, which is contemporary with it. The carved chimney-piece is an early Victorian pastiche incorporating a few pieces of Elizabethan or Jacobean work; together with the woodwork surrounding the window, it was inserted about 1840.

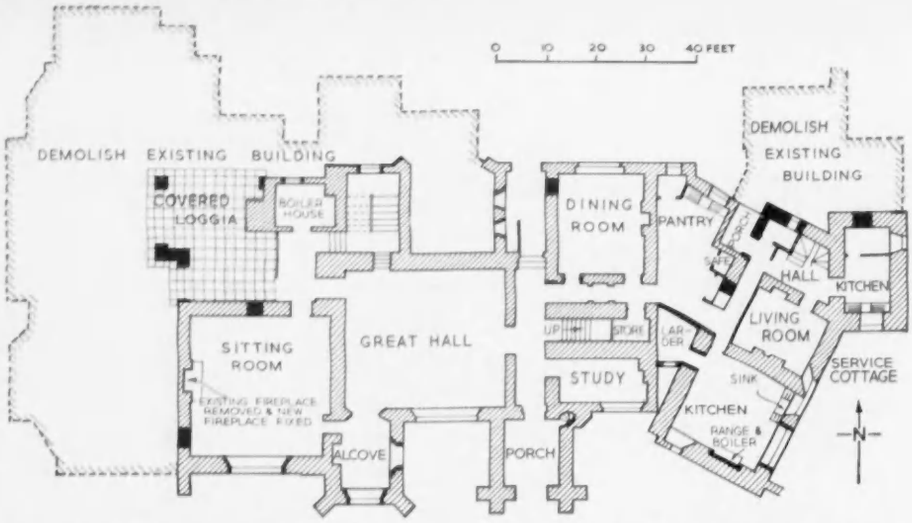
At the north end of the west wall there is an elaborately carved Elizabethan doorway (Fig. 4), which, though painted to look like woodwork, is in fact of stone. It is too wide for its position and shows clear signs of having been reset. Sir Arthur Elton has suggested that it originally stood in the centre of the hall screen and was moved to its present position when the screen was given its Georgian panelling. It is the work of a mason-carver interpreting as best he knew Renaissance motives probably derived from Flemish pattern books. The usual pair of caryatid figures carry the heavy entablature, and in the frieze there are little panels carved with figures of a man and his lady in mid-16th-century costume (left and right) and a fabulous monster (middle).

Presumably, this doorway belongs to the time of the alterations, made by John Wake about 1570, which involved the reconstruction of the west end of the house. The Wakes of Blisworth, we saw last week, came into possession of Clevedon by marriage in Henry VI's reign, but Northamptonshire remained their county, and in 1630 Sir Baldwin Wake sold the manor to John Digby, first Earl of Bristol. During the Commonwealth the Digby estates were sequestrated, and by an ironic reversal of fortune Clevedon was acquired by Carew Raleigh, son of Sir Walter Raleigh, whom Lord Bristol had replaced as the owner of Sherborne Castle after the forfeiture of Raleigh's estates. The second Earl of Bristol

5.—LOOKING INTO THE HALL THROUGH THE 14th-CENTURY ARCH OF THE ALCOVE

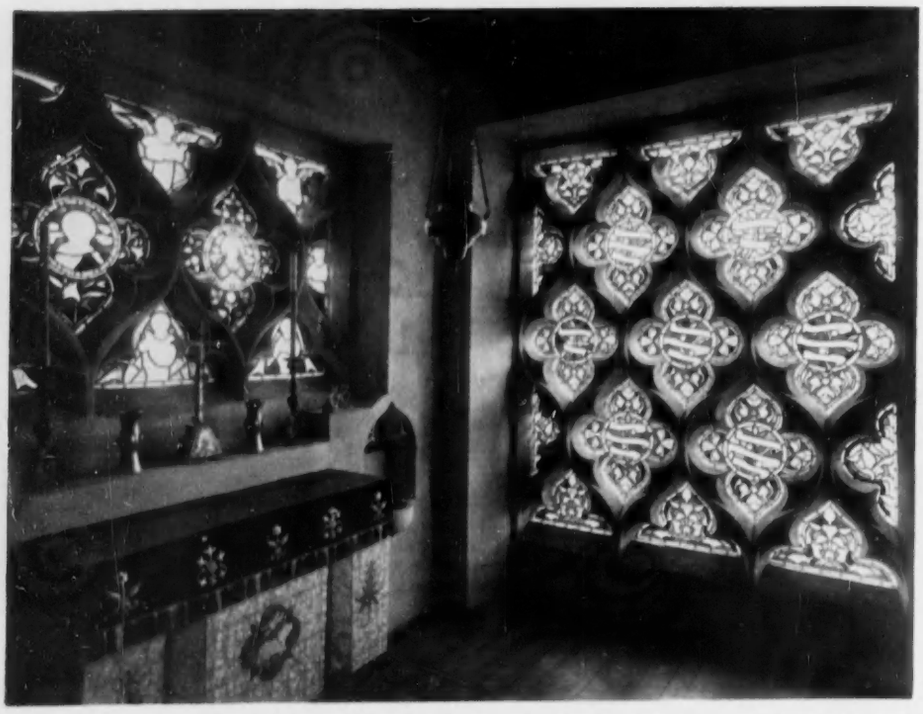
recovered the manor at the Restoration, but after the death of the third and last earl in 1698 it was offered for sale under the terms of his will, and in 1709 it was purchased by Abraham Elton, of Bristol.

The new owner, son of Isaac Elton, was a wealthy merchant of his native city, with interests in shipping, mines and glass manufacture, and also in a copper works which he had founded. He was a member of the Bristol Merchant Venturers Company, of which he became Master in 1708. In 1710, the year after he bought Clevedon, he was Mayor of Bristol. In 1716 he served as Sheriff of Gloucestershire and in the following year was given a baronetcy for good offices rendered to the Hanoverian régime. From 1722 until his death he represented Bristol in Parliament. By his purchase of Clevedon he entered the ranks of the country gentry, but he was probably too busy to spend much time there himself. The house seems to have been little lived in after the Wakes' time and was certainly out of repair. The hall needed re-roofing, and it was given the present flat ceiling; the screen was panelled and finished with an enriched cornice, and a staircase was formed in the annexe on the north side of the hall, going up from the arched doorway to the left of the fireplace (Fig. 5). There were other alterations to make the house more comfortable, and it is possible that some of them were due to the second Sir Abraham, who succeeded his father in 1728. The Elton shield over the doorway of the hall screen has the red hand of Ulster carved on it, proving that the woodwork is not earlier than 1717, when Sir Abraham received his baronetcy, but the character of the lugged panels and carving would not be inconsistent with a date in the 1730s.



6.—PLAN PREPARED BY MR. DAVID NYE SHOWING PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF LATER ADDITIONS TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE HOUSE

7.—THE ROOF OF THE ROOM IN THE SOUTH PORCH



8.—THE CHAPEL. UNIQUE WINDOW TRACERY COMPOSED OF A NETWORK OF QUATREFOILS

Like his father, the second Sir Abraham was Master of the Merchant Venturers, Mayor of Bristol, and M.P. for the city. His son, the third Sir Abraham, died in France in 1761, unmarried and bankrupt, but the estate, being entailed, passed to his brother, Sir Abraham Isaac, a lawyer and Town Clerk of Bristol (died 1790). Mention has been made of his predilection for Strawberry Hill Gothic, all trace of which has now disappeared. His elder daughter, Mary, married Oldfield Bowles, of North Aston, Oxfordshire (1739-1810), an amateur artist of some ability, who was on terms of friendship with Gainsborough, Reynolds, Hoppner and Sir George Beaumont. A small full-length self-portrait shows him in a strawberry-red Vandyck costume standing beside his easel (Fig. 10), and he painted a companion portrait of his wife playing a lyre.

The fifth Sir Abraham, son and successor of the Town Clerk, took holy orders and was more concerned with combating the spread of Methodism than with anything else. But in 1799 he obtained an act of enclosure, and before his death in 1842 the growth of Clevedon as a residential resort had begun. It was actively encouraged by his second wife, Mary Stewart, whom he married late in life, an energetic lady with artistic and antiquarian interests. She published two now rare sets of panoramic views of Edinburgh, lithographed by Hullmandel (1822-23), and many pictures of Clevedon. Her liking for the Tudor and Jacobean is attested by the barge-boards on the gables of many Clevedon houses and by the carved woodwork and some of the furniture in the hall. Since Fig. 4 was taken, Sir Arthur Elton has had her dark chocolate paint removed from the panelling of the screen, now cream colour, and the antlers have disappeared with the wooden backing put up to support them. Lady Elton was also responsible for much planting in the gardens and on the now thickly wooded hill above, which was bare before the 19th century. What is called the Pretty Terrace (Fig. 1) with its retaining walls dates from the time of the first Sir Abraham, if not earlier: it is shown in the early-18th-century painting of the Court. It ends to the west in an octagonal garden building, to the east in a summer-house with an arched alcove.

Sir Charles Abraham, sixth baronet, was

an author and poet, friend of Lamb and Landor, and in his time there began those literary associations which contribute much to the historical interest of the house. By his sister's marriage with Henry Hallam, the historian, he was uncle of Arthur Hallam, of Tennyson's *In Memoriam*, after whom his son and successor, the seventh baronet, was named. When Arthur Hallam died in Vienna, his body was brought back to England and buried in the Elton chapel in old Clevedon Church. In 1823 Sir Charles had his wife and large family painted by Barker of Bath in four companion pieces, one of which, a charming group of four of the girls, is reproduced in Fig. 12. For their youngest sister, Jane Octavia, who married the Rev. Charles Brookfield, Thackeray had a romantic but frustrated passion. Thackeray often stayed at the Court and wrote part of *Esmond* in the library (Fig. 9). Many Thackeray papers were lost in the fire of 1882, but in the drawing-room there is a little sketch of the front of the house done by him, and a bedroom lying west of the 18th-century staircase and lined with Georgian panelling contains memorials of him and his friendship with the Eltons.

9.—THE LIBRARY IN WHICH THACKERAY WROTE PART OF *ESMOND*. An old photograph showing the Wake chimney-piece destroyed in the fire of 1882

In 1862 Sir Arthur Hallam Elton, unable to stand any longer the Strawberry Hill Gothic of the fourth baronet, rebuilt the west front in a Victorian Elizabethan style. He employed Charles Edward Davis, City Architect of Bath, who was responsible for many deplorable buildings in Somerset. Davis had his work to do over again when the west end of the house was gutted by fire the year before Sir Arthur Hallam's death. The Elizabethan gables and windows of the south front were retained and restored, but the western gable, formerly lower, was brought up to the same height as its neighbour. Unfortunately, Elizabethan woodwork and the Wake fireplace in the library (Fig. 9) were destroyed in the blaze. The large bedroom occupying the position of the mediæval solar is now lined with panelling saved from the old Elton house in Bristol. Sir Arthur Hallam was succeeded by his nephew and son-in-law, Sir Edmund, who became famous for his pottery, well known as Elton ware. The designs and shapes which he favoured were often strange and extravagant, but he had great inventive ability and experimented successfully in a variety of techniques, particularly metallic crackles, of which the vase in Fig. 11 is an example. Much of his pottery remains in the house. He died in 1920 and was followed by his son, Sir Ambrose, father of the present baronet.

Since he succeeded to the property four years ago, Sir Arthur Elton has been faced with a difficult problem. In the last five years the house has been brought into good repair, but it is unmanageable under present-day conditions. The Victorian additions are neither beautiful nor convenient, and they were made in days when servants were plentiful; single-storey excrescences obscure part of the back of the house, and the mediæval portions, as rearranged and adapted piecemeal from time to time, are a maze to the uninitiated. The preservation of this historic building would seem to depend on the possibility of reducing it to a reasonable size so that it could continue to be occupied as a private house. Mr. David Nye, on the initiative of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, has produced a survey and report to indicate how this could be done. The ground-floor plan reproduced (Fig. 6) shows the 19th-century additions removed, leaving only one of the gables west of the hall, but the most westerly one is now largely modern, and the south front would not suffer appreciably from its removal, as Fig. 2 shows. Mr. Nye's plan provides for new bathrooms, heating and toilet arrangements and the formation of a self-contained service maisonette in the tower building and part of the adjoining kitchen range. On the lines suggested there should be a future for this exceptionally interesting house, which has been a home for six, if not seven, centuries. With the modern accretions removed there would be no loss of character but, rather, gain.

In compiling these articles I have been much indebted to Sir Arthur Elton for his kind help and the loan of the typescript of his outline history of the house.

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10.—OLDFIELD BOWLES (1739-1810) IN VANDYCK COSTUME: A SELF-PORTRAIT. (*Middle*) 11.—ELTON WARE VASE IN GOLD AND PLATINUM CRACKLE WITH FLAT DESIGN IN LUSTRE. (*Right*) 12.—FOUR OF THE DAUGHTERS OF SIR CHARLES ABRAHAM ELTON, BY THOMAS BARKER OF BATH, 1823

SHOULD THE ROYAL SHOW HAVE A PERMANENT SITE?

By CINCINNATUS

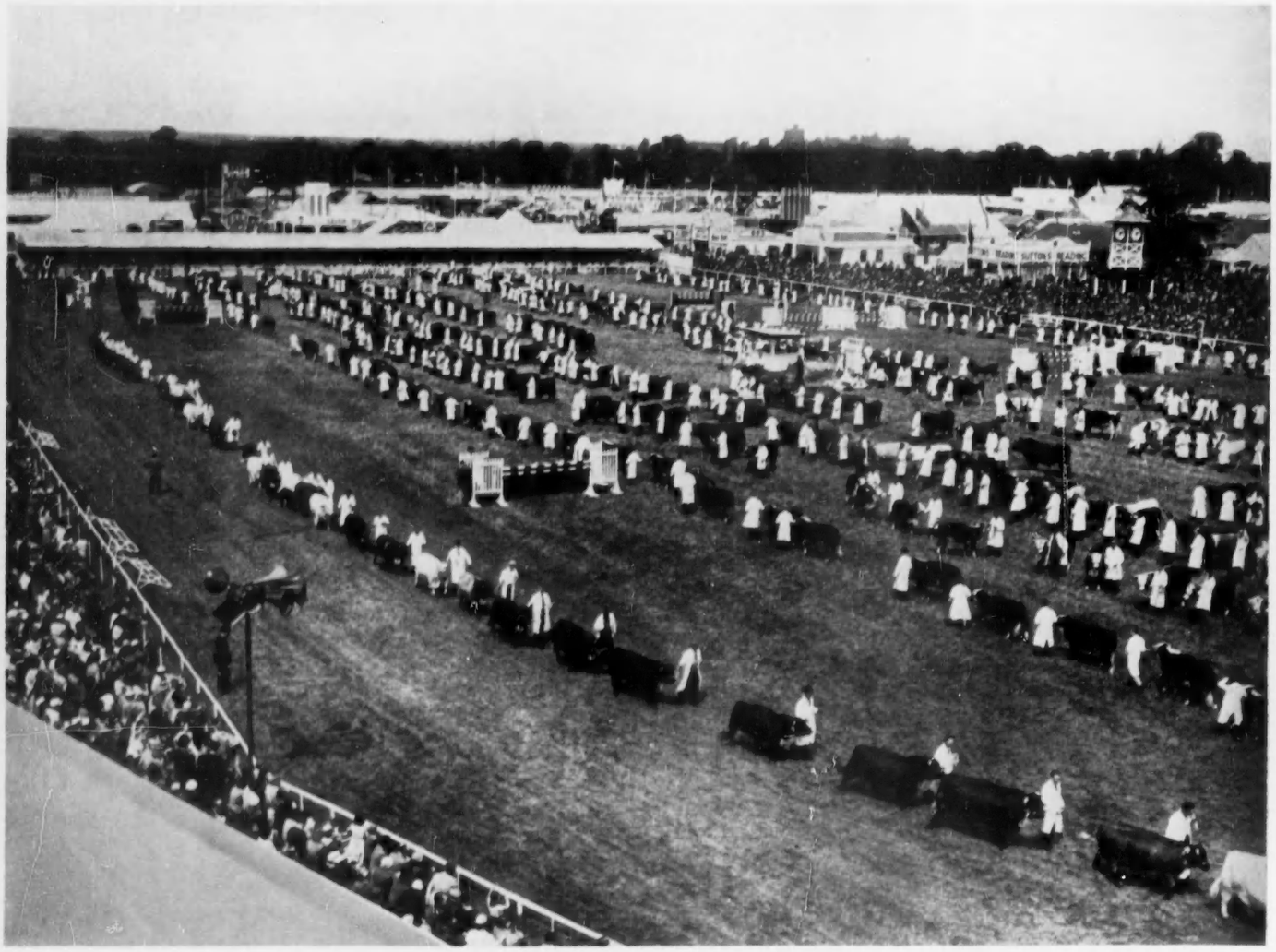
AT Wollaton Park, close to the city of Nottingham, the Royal Show ground this week occupies 166 acres. This is the largest show-yard which the Royal Agricultural Society has ever had, but it is not too big to accommodate all the trade exhibitors who want to present their products to the farming community. The numbers of livestock at the show are slightly fewer than at Windsor last year, but the trade side continues to expand. The exhibitors pay for the space they occupy and this revenue is important to the Society. Even so, the financial results of recent Royal Shows must give the Society cause for anxiety. The revenue from the show at Windsor last year, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed, was £4,000 less than the expenditure which the Society had to meet. There was the same deficit at Blackpool in 1953, and the show at Newton Abbot in 1952 cost the Society £12,000. It is true that the Show account was handsomely refreshed in the years immediately after the war, when everybody rushed to go to a Royal Show and the costs of constructing the show ground and laying on water and electricity were not as heavy as they are now.

The present show at Nottingham is likely to cost £160,000 at least. This is the sum which the Society has to meet for the erection of the main buildings, accommodation for the livestock, roads, fences and laying on of water. The total outlay by all concerned must be fully £400,000. Trade exhibitors have their own bills to pay, and some of the handsome pavilions erected in Wollaton Park are testimony to the value they attach to worthy representation at agriculture's national show. The state of the order book on Friday evening at the close of the show is not the main criterion for many firms. They welcome the opportunity to meet their farmer friends, the Press and others who have some influence in advising farmers on expenditure. Members of the National Agricultural Advisory Service must not, of course, push any one product particularly, but they need to know about the different types of equipment that are available and the Royal Show gives them the opportunity to do this.

Indeed, one of the features of the show is the stress which the Ministry of Agriculture, in its educational pavilion, is putting on economical equipment which will save labour and provide good working conditions on a mixed farm of medium size where high output is the objective and is indeed attained. Farm machines should work with maximum efficiency at minimum cost. This is part of the Ministry's theme. So the layout of farm buildings and the construction of road surfaces becomes increasingly important. The Ministry has taken Wilson Hall Farm, on the borders of Leicestershire and Derbyshire, as an instance of what can be done while keeping the outlay within reasonable bounds. This is a farm of 129 acres carrying a dairy herd, pigs and poultry. The new building shown in the Ministry's exhibit is economical to construct and adaptable to any farming enterprise. This is an important consideration, as many farmers now realise. One showed me with pride recently a big poultry house which he and his men had constructed with precast walls and which could, if egg prices fell and poultry production became unprofitable, readily be converted into a fertiliser store. He had given himself double doors and a concrete floor.

Returning to Wilson Hall Farm, it was necessary here to improve the approach road, and give proper turning space. The Ministry's exhibit shows how this was done. It is interesting also to see details of an old building which has been converted into a potato store, planned to allow access by lorries and tractors. Many farmers in the East Midlands have to deal with much the same problems as Mr. W. J. Smith at Wilson Hall Farm. Starting in 1946 with no formal training in agriculture, but blessed with a determination to succeed, the will to work and £1,000 capital, Mr. Smith has built up a business which does him credit. He does not mind the world knowing that he has increased his yearly profit from £180 to £1,200, mainly by good management.

The Ministry is one of the regular exhibitors at the Royal Show who would benefit by having a fixed centre at a permanent show ground which could be used for demonstrations outside the week of the annual Royal Show. This might also prove to be true for other major exhibitors such as the feeding-stuff, fertiliser and seed firms and the makers of tractors and farm machinery. This aspect of the vexed question of future sites for the Royal Show merits close consideration. There are several alternative proposals which the Royal Agricultural Society could review again, and maybe some fresh ideas for the future conduct of future Royal Shows will emerge. The main fact from which the Society cannot escape is that the cost to the



THE GRAND PARADE OF CATTLE IN THE MAIN RING AT LAST YEAR'S ROYAL SHOW AT WINDSOR

Society of constructing the show on a fresh site each year amounts to £150,000 or more. It is more this year because the show ground is extra-large. In other years it may be slightly less according to the facilities, such as main water and electricity, that may already be near by. It cannot be pretended that temporary roadways constructed of railway sleepers laid along the main avenues give at all ideal conditions to visitors who want to see much of the show. Indeed, any big show is so tiring that few make the attempt to go all round. I have heard it suggested that a light railway should be laid on and season tickets for the week offered to foot-weary visitors. This idea certainly has possibilities.

In the matter of show sites the proposal which now seems to find most favour is that the Society should purchase one site of about 200 acres fairly close to a convenient centre such as Oxford or Stratford-on-Avon. This would be equipped with the main services that a Royal Show requires, proper roads and main supplies of electricity and water, with some permanent buildings. These always take much the same form round the main ring, where there are the Royal pavilion, members' pavilion and the grandstand. Proper living quarters for the stockmen could also be provided in permanent buildings. I always think that the herdsmen attending our big shows are extraordinarily long-suffering. I know that a shearing gang that goes round Australian sheep stations, staying on each for only a few days, will not tolerate any make-shift conditions. Their union requires that they should have permanent quarters with beds and proper cooking facilities, a messroom and shower baths. Certainly the stewards who have been complaining about their living conditions on Atlantic liners are also a good deal more fussy than our stockmen. I am glad that this year at the Royal Show there are 400 sleeping boxes with board floors and doors which can be locked. This will give the herdsmen rather better conditions than they have had so far. In such ways a permanent show ground could make the Royal Show a much pleasanter place for all who have business there, as well as for the casual visitor.

If the Society had one such permanent show yard, it need not be occupied by the Royal Show every year. The Show could be taken to the north, the west and the east in alternate years. For example, if the Show were held at the headquarters ground in 1956, it could go to Newcastle in 1957, return to its base in 1958 and go to Bristol in 1959. It is the custom of the Royal Show to move round the country, and there is good reason in this established tradition. It was broken 50 years ago when the Society established a permanent show site at Park Royal on the western outskirts of London. This was not a happy experience. The attendance fell off and after three years the Society was glad to be on the road again. The failure of this experiment is no convincing reason for all time that the Society should not make a permanent headquarters site to be used in alternate years. The show has to serve the whole of England and it is doubtful if it could meet its responsibilities fully if the Royal Show were held in the same place each year. Moving round the country constantly brings in new members and new interests. When the Show is at Cambridge or Norwich the emphasis is on arable farming and the advanced practices of East Anglia. When the show moves to Newton Abbot, cattle and the management of grass land take pride of place. So the universal character of the Royal Show is maintained. No less important, the Society gains new members in the district which it visits. The Berkshire membership of the Society swelled markedly in 1954, and this year many new members farming in the East Midlands are welcomed as subscribers. A static Royal Show would lose these advantages for the Society.

It is true that most people can move about the country speedily to-day and distances of 100 miles do not deter the farmer who wants to visit the Royal Show. But he must be a great enthusiast for agricultural shows or have some specific business to transact if he is to motor from one end of the country to the other in order to attend the Royal Show. If the show continues to come within easy distance of him every few years the Society is more likely to be able to count on his support. The ideal would be for the Society to be able to continue on its peripatetic career. But £150,000 more or less each year is becoming a prohibitive charge. It is certainly worth reckoning the saving that a permanent ground might offer, and in the years when the Society was not using its own show ground it should be possible to earn some income by letting the premises and the land.

The place where the show is held influences the variety of the livestock exhibited. At Nottingham there is a slightly bigger entry of Hereford cattle and Lincoln Red Shorthorns than at Windsor, but there are fewer Aberdeen Angus, Ayrshires and Devons. The British Friesians, the Dairy Shorthorns and the Red Polls, which enjoy a fairly wide distribution throughout the country, have much the same numbers as last year at Windsor. The Guernseys and Jerseys are fewer; they are the breeds that flourish in the Home Counties.

Aerofilms

AERIAL VIEW OF THE ROYAL SHOW GROUND AND ADJACENT CAR PARKS NEAR OXFORD IN 1950. Oxford has been suggested as one of the convenient centres near which a permanent ground for the Royal Show might be established with advantage

It is disappointing that there are not more sheep exhibited this year. The Kerry Hills and the Clun Forest, the Ryeland and the Shropshire breeds are well represented. But otherwise the total of 746 entries among 28 breeds is rather sparse. The Midlands in the grassy days before 1939 carried large numbers of sheep. They disappeared in the course of the ploughing-up campaign and they have never come back to many farms. The dairy cow has seemed a more profitable converter of grass into cash. Is this true to-day?

The original pig total entry for the Show was 801, but there are some absentees. The biggest classes are provided by the Large White, Wessex Saddleback and the Essex breeds. Both the Wessex and the Essex have good mothering qualities and with the Large White cross they are producing suitable and economical bacon pigs.

The visitor to the show can amuse himself by discovering the finer points of difference between the Wessex and the Essex. The Duke of Portland, who is president of the show, has not been content to win with pedigree Large White pigs in the show ring. The Home Farm at Welbeck has done consistently well in the bacon pig competitions, winning notably the Whitley Cup at the London Dairy Show in 1953 and 1954 as well as the Harris Cup in 1954 for the supreme champion bacon exhibit.

It is the end product, in this case the side of bacon, which, judged by standards of commercial excellence, sets the seal on the livestock improver's work in the pedigree field. If he can breed a boar and a line of pigs prepotent for long lean carcasses which will make the type of bacon that the public prefer, he knows that his work is proved to be on the right lines. In this country, we are tardily developing progeny testing, which one day will enable every boar to be judged by the performance of his progeny. It is by this way that the Danes over the past 25 years have eliminated the less thrifty and less suitable pigs from their breeding herds and multiplied the types that are outstandingly good. We have relied on personal judgement rather than the scales and the calipers. Now we know we must become more meticulous if we are to get more certain results.

Before many years have passed we should see the results of these performance tests incorporated in the show-ring standards. A new direction is being taken in pedigree breeding and there is no reason why we should not succeed as well in this as we have done in developing the prepotent qualities which have put our beef breeds in the front rank throughout the world. There is a modern technique to be grafted on to the traditional skill of the breeder. He now has to call in the aid of the scientist who can work out food conversion rates and the exact measurements at key points which will give a still greater uniformity of excellence at economical cost.

BRIGHTER PROSPECTS FOR POLO

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UNTIL we had seen the first important open tournament, which was held to mark the opening of the Household Brigade Polo Club on Smith's Lawn, Windsor, that lovely expanse of ancient turf where "Butcher" Cumberland used to exercise his race-horses, there had been no opportunity to assess the season's form. So far no high-goal tournament has taken place; so the prospects for the Roehampton Cup are still only to be guessed. But what we saw at Windsor was most encouraging and we have enjoyed polo occasionally approaching the pre-war standard. The normal handicap limit is still at twelve goals, a wise provision when there is a dearth (very naturally) of first-class players, but much of the polo we have seen comes much nearer to the twenty-goal mark.

Though we have as yet no foreign teams to welcome, there are several well-known players from overseas in the various teams and it is largely thanks to them that the games have been as good as they have been. I refuse to regard Rao Raja Hanut Singh as foreign in any sense of the word, and, so far, his team Ratanada has swept all before it, finally gaining a well-earned victory at Windsor. Thanks to his leadership and especially his coaching, this team has consistently played real polo to a preconceived plan in which accurate passing and good marking are the keynotes. Moreover, the importance of aiming to produce in each attack the approach shot to within twenty yards of goal has clearly been learned. This team, however, has certainly played its last tournament as a twelve-goal team. Hanut's handicap was reduced to five last year. He is likely to go up to six again and each member of his team will, I think, go up at least one goal.

Among our distinguished visitors are "Tito" Lalor, who is no stranger, and who is playing in Major Archie David's Friar Park team, and his brother Luis, lining up with Mr. Arthur Lucas. Alfredo Harrington, a famous breeder of ponies, once a nine-goal international player and an accredited international umpire, is playing at Henley, and E. Rojas Lanusse, also an Argentine, is playing for Mr. Boyd Gibbins's Silver Leys Club. Mr. Jack Traill, son of a famous father, is over here for the season from Argentina and has been playing at the Ham Club, who were the first to revive the game after the war. We have also two Australians, A. Creswick and Laurie Morgan, who covered himself with glory by finishing fourth in that strong international field for the three-day event at Windsor. His versatile chestnut Gold Ross, incidentally, is also a first-class polo pony (he stands 16.2 hands!) and has gone remarkably well whenever I have seen him. The Australian Olympic Equestrian team, led by David Wood, himself a good player and well known on English grounds, have been at Aldershot since February getting ready for their ordeal at Stockholm next June, but, very wisely, they are subject to a self-denying ordinance and have undertaken to refrain from playing polo until after the Games.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE RECENT POLO TOURNAMENT HELD AT WINDSOR: "WHAT WE SAW WAS MOST ENCOURAGING"

The great interest taken by the Queen and the active and distinguished participation of the Duke of Edinburgh have given a tremendous impetus to the game and have inevitably increased public interest. During Windsor the Queen, her children and the Royal party, who would normally have been attending the Ascot race-meeting, were on the ground throughout each day of the Windsor tournament and a delightfully informal atmosphere prevailed throughout. To see the Queen, Prince Charles and Princess Anne actively engaged in "treading down" between chukkas must have given foreign visitors something upon which to ponder. Complete informality, yet, as always, giving the lead; no guards, no seclusion; relying on the innate good manners of the English. Such an approach (if it may be called that) invariably produces the desirable effect. Windsor henceforward will be a stronghold of the game; not a rival, but complementary to such clubs as Cowdray and Cirencester, and in future seasons there will be regular play from April till September.

The Household Brigade Polo Club has got off in great style and the organisation and general amenities at Smith's Lawn are alike admirable. When those splendid grounds in their lovely setting have settled (they need only complete aeration and plenty of use) they will be at least the equal of the best in the land. I have for long advocated the ending of the Roehampton meeting, because, in the first place, polo is not welcomed by the members: also very few people come there to see what might be the best of the season and the one available ground, undersized and overworked, but only for a brief season, is not enough to accommodate the number of matches which have to be decided. Now, I am glad to say, the thin end of the wedge has been inserted and the County Cup ties will be played at Windsor next week.

The club has hitherto played its polo at Henley where, through the generosity of Major Archie David, many good ponies have been made available for young players. The Henley ground will be kept up, but what was "Henley" will henceforward be

"THE BAD PRACTICE OF HITTING ACROSS A PONY'S LEGS"

amalgamated with Windsor. Nobody has done more to ensure the game's recovery than Major David and to him, as to Lord Cowdray, Mr. Lucas and Lord Bathurst, a deep debt of gratitude is due. In future years, if public interest is to be maintained at its present high level, there must be more intercourse between the clubs, cost what it may, because variety is the spice of life and because even the most perfervid enthusiast must, sooner or later, weary of watching, weekend after weekend, the same old players and teams contesting the same old tournaments throughout the season. There seems, too, a sound argument for the adoption of the thirteen pony regulation regarding twelve-goal polo, for thus the better mounted teams do not obtain their usual overwhelming advantage.

I make no apology for reiterating an obvious fact and that is that nobody can hope to become even a moderately good player without steady, protracted practice on a regular plan. Polo is an uncommonly difficult game because one must control and balance one's "platform," which is an excitable, eager quadruped, perfect, in these circumstances, one's own balance on two legs (a total of six legs), and then hit accurately a smallish ball which seldom runs really true with an instrument "singularly ill-adapted to the purpose." And yet young gentlemen lucky enough to be able to play polo apparently imagine that a pair of white breeches and brown boots are all that is needed to enable them to excel.

A notable exception to this lamentable idea is Sinclair Hill, a young Australian, who has made good use of the opportunity to play with Hanut. Part of the curriculum is a couple of hours daily in the polo pit, with one ball, not a dozen. The result is plain for all to see. Another young member of Hanut's team is Charlie Smith Ryland, an enormously improved and improving player. I think that eventually he will find himself at back, for he is a heavy man and not so quick as some. He is, however, a tremendously hard worker and a notably powerful and accurate hitter on both sides of his pony. Another very promising young player is Clem Barton, who should become a first-class No. 1. As a rule the University match produces nothing of note, but this year we saw a really fast, open game (considering that the aggregate handicap of the two sides was little more than a cypher), and in P. R. Wilson, a South African, of Oxford, and in Barclay, the Cambridge captain, and I. K. Barlow, his No. 1, we saw three really promising beginners, all of whom have a notion, or rather more, of equitation.

The standard of umpiring has been high and it is good to have the services of Alfredo Harrington when he is not playing himself, Harry East, probably the greatest coach of our generation, who is resident in California, and John Benitz. Of our own I would award the palm to Stretton Dixon, who seems to me to be singularly quick and accurate in his decisions. Incidentally the greatest umpire I have seen, Capt. Wesley White, the American, used to need nearly as many ponies as the players themselves, for it was his practice to follow the ball and the play at full speed, aiming always to be on the line of the right of way in his section of the ground. In polo of our present standard it is necessary to be severe, both as a matter of safety and as an educative measure. I am glad to see that umpires are now coming down heavily on the bad practice of hitting across a pony's legs, which is not only unfair but very dangerous.

The pony situation is steadily improving and I am glad to see that more recourse is being had to our own incomparable horses. The main market, however, is still Argentina, though restrictive legislation is diminishing it and Chile is now a keen competitor. Plenty of good horses are also bred in Australia, but the long voyage and its cost prevent this source of supply from being tapped. Incidentally, it costs roughly £400 to bring a pony from Argentina to-day, owing to the tariff exacted by the administration before a pony can be shipped.

Despite an early summer we have had some good exciting polo, with the highlights naturally on Windsor. The finest exposition of the game came, I think, when Ratanada annihilated a strong Woolmers Park team in the second round of the Royal Windsor Cup. In this, Hanut himself could not be held, and, going a terrific gallop, his team scored eleven goals against five. This game can only be described in superlatives. Hill, after putting up a perfect approach, mishit his shot at goal, but was on to the ball like a flash on his good pony Ratou and scored with a brilliant backhander into the narrowest of targets. Hanut had a beauty under his pony's neck and the first chukka produced six goals, four to Ratanada, two to Woolmers. At half-time, Ratanada had added three to one as the result of admirable combination. The third chukka was sticky, but Ratanada were again all over their opponents despite the efforts of Luis Lalor, a seven-goal player, and put on four more in the last. Hanut was again brilliant on that fast chestnut mare, Carcadora. Cowdray Park, with John Lakin, gave them a temporary fright in the semi-final. Ham were the other finalists and with Jack Traill as the pivot had had a fairly easy passage, Walsh being brilliant in the semi-final. The final was a little disappointing, but Ham managed to slow up the game and held on gamely till the end. But they had given away too many penalties to save the game.

Now we have the Cowdray week to look forward to, with play taking place after the Goodwood racing. This tournament began, I believe, in 1913, and it is always a delightful occasion, usually honoured by the presence of the Queen. Later there is Cirencester, equally enjoyable, with its delightfully informal atmosphere in those lovely grounds. In the meantime there is regular play everywhere. They are going strong in the north at Toulston and Mid-Cheshire, East Anglia boasts Orford and Silver Leys, and Mr. Lucas provides grand polo at Woolmers Park, where his new ground has settled well. Then there is Rhinefield, where they play real country polo and enjoy every minute of it, especially the "week" in September.

"TO A PRECONCEIVED PLAN"

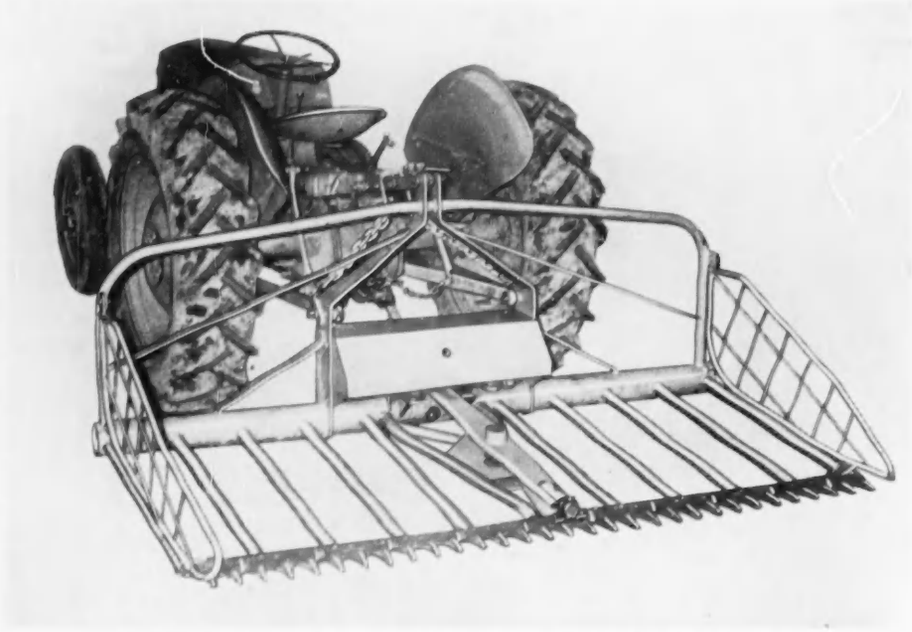
NEW FARM IMPLEMENTS AT THE SHOW

By CLYDE HIGGS

ENTRIES for the Royal Agricultural Society's Silver Medal award for new implements are widely scattered over the farming field and give no indication of any startling changes in established methods. Possibly the most welcome implement, provided it stands up to the hard conditions it will have to work in—and no doubt the manufacturers have made sure of that—is the Massey-Harris-Ferguson Cutrake, a name concocted to indicate that the machine cuts and carts kale. This is one of farming's most detestable manual jobs, particularly on wet or frosty mornings. When the stuff is cut by machine it still has to be loaded by hand. The alternative of grazing is all right if the land will carry the animals, but many dairy farmers like to keep their cows warm and comfortable in yards or sheds and bring food to them. The Cutrake will do that. Ten tines mounted on the rear of a tractor carry a mowing-machine-type knife driven from the power take-off. This is backed into the crop and in twelve seconds five cwt. of kale are harvested and loaded.

There is a ditcher by Messrs. Whitlock Bros. which may help to solve the increasing problem of drainage maintenance. Millions of pounds have been paid in subsidies to help in the cost of restoring old drainage systems and providing new ones. Once land has carried a grant that is the end; the farmer is responsible for keeping things in order. Costs are rising steeply for this work, which in any case is not favoured by many farm-workers. This new machine can be fitted to most tractor fore-end loaders by extension arms. One tractor driver with his outfit should do the work of half-a-dozen men.

E. H. Bentall have developed further their Protess extraction plant and now offer a farm machine which will mechanically separate nutrients from fibre. A crop can be processed at any stage of growth so ensuring maximum quality and a convenient time. Protess is said to equal fish meal and can be conserved without chemicals or expensive equipment. Grass or other suitable material is fed into a pre-chopper and then to a Protessor, where the cellular structure is broken down and most of the juice extracted. This has a high moisture content. When moisture evaporates, a paste to be fed as it is or mixed with cereals to make cubes is left. This sounds a deal simpler and cheaper than my efforts to get protein by grass drying, so I shall watch the practical development with interest.



AN IMPLEMENT THAT CUTS, LOADS AND CARTS KALE. The Massey-Harris-Ferguson Cutrake, which has a buckrake-type frame with a cutter bar at the end of tines

There is a cattle grid by F. H. Dale. It is difficult to understand why more such grids are not in use, particularly as county agricultural committees can give a grant towards their erection. How troublesome it is to open and shut two or three gates on the way to a farm-house, and how often are they not shut! Problems of rights-of-way can be eased by cattle grids and common land enclosure made simpler.

A root gapper and thinner manufactured by Russells (Kirby Moorside) has been carried forward from last year's entries. There is a lot of interest in these machines, which not only reduce labour, but also give the plants living room at an important time, and keep them growing until hand singling can be done. There are now at least a dozen British models compared with five last year, and none the year before. For the machine to be used effectively, the crop must be first-class on ideal soil; those conditions are essential in any case for good sugar-beet growing. A recently introduced thinner uses instead of blades a contact weed-killer to spray unwanted plants as the tractor-mounted machine crosses the rows. The operation of these implements is eased by precision drills; many types can be seen, one of them with lights to show if the seed is running properly, and when the box needs refilling. Not all the interesting machines are necessarily entered for a medal.

The Catchpole Engineering Co. have redesigned their potato harvester, which used to depend on water to separate potatoes from soil and stones. Now they all fall on a rotating turn-table, and potatoes roll to the centre while clods and stones are flung to the periphery.

The National Institute of Agricultural Engineering has developed a grain cleaner which is being made by Innes, Walker (Engineering), and a right good job it looks. Moderate in price, with a high output (4-5 tons of wheat an hour) and low in running costs, it should help those farmers who combine their grain and want to command top price in this free market. How will the grain market go this season? Can last year's history repeat itself? The early sellers of wheat then had the best deal, while those who stored their barley made the most of it. But no one can forecast with certainty, not even the millers who often disagree with farmers over this storage question. It would seem sensible for every grain-growing farmer to have drying and storage arrangements for most of his crop, and at the Show there are many methods exhibited of doing this, from the simple in-sack drier to the mighty push-button controlled mechanical outfits. There are many ways of doing the job and there is no lack of advice from the manufacturers interested in it, and there should be an independent opinion from the Ministry of Agriculture's stand where the theme of "Better management—better business" includes an exhibit on the care of stored grain.

With all its failings so far, this has been a grass year. Silage makers have had a fine time, particularly those with the initiative to cut young juicy stuff. Haymaking was delayed but

A MACHINE THAT MAY HELP TO SOLVE THE INCREASING PROBLEM OF DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE. A new form of ditcher, by Messrs. Whitlock Bros., which *can be fitted to most types of tractor-mounted fore-end loader. Power is supplied by the* tractor's hydraulic pump

yielded heavy crops. And animals, lacking the help of rabbits, could not keep the grass down. Nothing ruins a good pasture so quickly as letting it run to seed through lack of grazing or mowing, while most fields benefit from topping now and again. This can be done by a mowing machine, although it is rough work for it. Hayters have developed a rotary cutter which does the job quickly and cheaply. There are wheeled tractors of many makes, mostly with mounted implements. These add to the initial cost, but soon save the extra by convenience and speed of operation.

Diesel fuel is rapidly gaining popularity, and no wonder when the reduction in running costs is remembered. A farmer told me that he saved £110 in the first season that his combine ran on diesel instead of petrol. There is a new British-built crawler tractor modelled on a previously imported American machine. May its performance equal that of its predecessor!

English Numbering Machines have usefully entered the agricultural field. For too long tractors have been serviced at irregular times through lack of cheap and efficient time measures. Their counters make servicing and oil-changing real routine, and other machines count bales as made and check the number of animals, sacks and so on.

This has been a wettish season so far, yet market gardeners and farmers with specialised crops are glad to be able to turn on rain at will. Wright Rain have added new models to the range of irrigation equipment which won last year's Burke Trophy. There is one for watering grass land and other crops which need heavy applications. Enough evidence is available to show the benefits obtained from irrigation under British conditions; usually there is difficulty in finding the necessary capital and adequate water supply.

This year's Royal occupies 165 acres—the most ever. Trade exhibits have a million and a quarter square feet of stand space, more even than at Windsor last year. For farmers and those in ancillary trades there is no better shop window than the Royal, but it needs energy and stamina fully to examine everything that is on view.

NEW DESIGN OF POTATO HARVESTER. In this, soil, stones and potatoes all fall on to a rotating turn-table, and the potatoes roll to the centre, while the clods and the stones are flung to the circumference. Catchpole Engineering Company

CORRESPONDENCE

A CUCKOO THAT BARKED

SIR,—Apropos of your recent correspondence about unusual cuckoo calls, this year a cuckoo with a three-syllable call has occupied my garden since April.

In the three previous seasons we had a cuckoo which barked like a dog and when it was first heard it was mistaken for a dog.—ANTHONY BUXTON, *Horsey Hall, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.*

MAGICAL PROPERTIES OF CATS

SIR,—Apropos of Mr. C. Stafford Northcote's letter about a wooden cat being found in an old thatched house at East Hendred, Berkshire (June 30), there are a number of instances of the preserved bodies or images of cats being found in old buildings and there are a number of specimens in museums. When Westminster Abbey was repaired in the 1680s a cat's body was found in the wall of the east end. It was on show till 1799 at Don Saltero's coffee-house in Cheyne-walk. Recently a wooden cat about 2 ins. high was found in a heavily timbered 15th-century cottage at Braintree and another wrapped in a newspaper dated 1796 in Dale Hall, Lawford, Essex.

Though the domestic cat did not come to Europe till in the 5th century, superstition gave it magical properties. There was a cat festival at Aix-en-Provence on Corpus Christi and cats were sacrificed on St. John's Day. It was believed that a stray cat should be brought into a newly built house for luck and a cat or dog flung in before anyone enters a new house, "for the first to enter will die first."

The Chinese put clay images of cats on house roofs to drive away the devil.—P. W. F. BROWN (Col.), *37a, King Henry's-road, Hampstead, N.W.3.*

FONDNESS FOR WATER

SIR,—The other morning, hearing repeated barking from my pekingese, I went to investigate and found my neighbour's cat giving itself a bath in the horses' trough, with the dog an excited spectator. Is it not unusual to find a cat liking water?—JANE LE BLOND (MRS.), *7, Aldeburgh Lodge, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.*

[Though cats are popularly supposed not to like water, there are many examples of their bathing and enjoying it.—ED.]

THE AGGRESSIVE BLACKBIRD

SIR,—Recently I was walking down a road when round the corner came a black cat, chased by a blackbird which was furiously scolding it. They crossed my road and the cat then escaped into a garden. The blackbird, still scolding, then flew on to the garden wall and watched the cat shrink still farther into the back garden. After more furious scolding, the triumphant blackbird eventually flew off. I imagine that the cat must have been interfering with the blackbird's family.—J. B. MOORE, *12, Byron-road, Worthing, Sussex.*

EARLY CATTLE GRIDS

SIR,—One of the countryside curiosities which Celia Fiennes had such a flair for recording was a local type of stile which she encountered near Truro. In her account of her journey in 1698 from Land's End to Wiltshire she wrote: "some grounds . . . are divided by such stiles and bridges uncommon and I never saw any such before; they are severall stones fixed across and so are like a grate or large steps over a ditch that is full of mudd or water, and over this just in the middle is a great stone fixed side wayes which is the style to be clambered over; these I find are the fences and guards of their grounds one from another and indeed they are very troublesome and dangerous for strangers and children." This might well be a description of the primitive sort of cattle grid of which I enclose a photograph. It is on grazing land on Penninis Head, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly. It seems, therefore, from Celia Fiennes's breathless prose that cattle grids are by no means a modern invention, but have an ancestry spanning at least two and a half centuries.

The rock of the Scillonian example is granite, and an interesting detail of the dry stone walling is that the individual stones are laid directly, and not alternately, above one another.—J. M., *Warwickshire.*

A PRIMITIVE FORM OF CATTLE GRID IN THE SCILLY ISLES

See letter: Early Cattle Grids

HENS OUTNUMBERED

SIR,—Mr. Ian Niall's recent speculation concerning the number of cockerels which will develop from his brood of 14 chicks induces me to relate my own experience, but I can only hope that his will not parallel mine.

We have recently had to get rid of a flock of bantam chickens, which have been living in a semi-wild condition, owing to the disproportionate number of cocks produced. Though provided with a comfortable henhouse, our flock, with the exception of a few conservative individuals, preferred to roost in the trees about the place, in which they would ascend to a considerable height. Nor would the hens use the nest-boxes provided, but sought their own nests in rough ground and under bushes. For this reason we obtained few eggs, and on the whole the flock increased at its own natural rate, subject to raids by dogs, cats and other predators.

Unfortunately I cannot say what the actual ratio between the sexes hatched may have been, but I do know that the net proportion between cocks and hens at the time we dispersed the flock was twelve to one. Our flock consisted of 36 cocks and three hens! Of these we captured one hen and all the cocks by the expedient of luring them into an outhouse with food and closing the door on them. Two of the hens managed to avoid capture, and are still about the place, though quite wild.

In conclusion, it may be amusing

WARNING SIGN ON THE MAIN ROAD FROM DUBLIN TO MAYO NEAR LONGFORD

See letter: You Have Been Warned

to relate that on one occasion my wife was sure that she had located the site of a nest under a bush near a corner of the house, as on several successive days she had noticed a hen fly out from this spot with the typical indications of having laid an egg, but on going to the spot she could never find any. As the apparent event had taken place at about the same hour each morning, one day she approached slowly and was able to watch the hen from a few feet away as she sat on her nest. In due course she laid her egg and flew away with loud cackles. My wife reached out her hand to take the egg, but at the same moment our old Dalmatian bitch appeared round the corner of the house from the opposite direction, picked the egg delicately up in her mouth, and trotted away. She, too, had been lying in wait.—DONNAN JEFFERS, *Tor House, Route 2, Box 36, Carmel, California.*

THE STEAM-PLOUGH

SIR,—The correspondence about threshing engines reminded me of another machine, which was used on farms in the 80s and 90s of last century. It was, perhaps, the forerunner of the tractor and is now extinct. I refer to the steam-plough.

Two traction engines with large wheels underneath had steel ropes or hawsers wound round them; these were attached to the plough, which was dragged back and forth between the two engines. This was easy, so long as the field to be ploughed was rectangular; but if not, and it was desired to move the plough at an angle, a contrivance called an anchor was used. This had a box-like open top, and underneath were rollers over which the cable passed.

We were never allowed to go near the engines or plough while they were working and, as I am not mechanically minded, I cannot explain how the plough got past the anchor; nor am I sure how it was turned when it reached an engine, but perhaps one of your readers may know. I was never sure whether each engine had a rope which was attached to the plough (though I think this was the case), or whether there was an endless cable to which the plough could be attached in the same way as cars used to be in Edinburgh in the days of the cable trams. It would be interesting if someone who remembered the use of the steam-plough would elucidate these points.—L. G. W. WILKINSON, *Elmwood, Moffat.*

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

SIR,—Beyond the Shannon, a few miles west of Longford, the main road from Dublin to Mayo runs across a big bog. Some seven years ago this road was thoroughly repaired and made into a fine modern metalled highway. But the bog had by no means been conquered, and within two years the road had sunk so badly in places that the county authorities erected the clear and helpful sign shown in the accompanying photograph, warning motorists of a bumpy road for two miles ahead. But the bog still continued to protest, and a year later the figure 2 had to be erased and the figure 3 put in its place. Two years later this figure had to be again changed, this time to 5, but as even that was soon seen not to be sufficient the authorities accepted defeat with a good grace and wisely omitted the number altogether, leaving the sign as it is here shown, and leaving the motorist to find out by hard experience for just how long a distance the bog had triumphed.—D. A. MACMANUS (Capt.), *United Service Club, Dublin.*

SHARING THE NEST

SIR,—With reference to the letter about a nest containing partridge's and pheasant's eggs (June 16), my neighbour's tractor-driver recently flushed a pheasant sitting on 29 eggs—14 of her own and 14 of those of a partridge, with the addition of one small blue egg in the middle. All the eggs were removed and eventually hatched out by bantam hens, with the exception of the blue egg. Being much intrigued with this, and unable to ascertain to what bird it belonged, we submitted it to a game research station, who came to the conclusion that it was probably a freak egg of the pheasant.—ROBERT T. RUDDICK, *Little Thatch, Winterbourne Monkton, Avebury, Wiltshire.*

BIOGRAPHICAL BENCH-ENDS

SIR,—I enclose photographs of some remarkable bench-ends at Wiggenhall St. German Church, Norfolk. They are part of a set of seven depicting incidents in the curious life of Germanus (died 448), to whom the church is dedicated.

As a young man Germanus was rather wild and inordinately fond of hunting. One of his objectionable habits was to return with the dripping heads of the beasts he slew and hang them in the branches of a pine tree in the middle of Auxerre, his hometown. At length, Amator, Bishop of Auxerre, had the offensive tree felled, whereupon Germanus threatened to take the aged bishop's life. According to the legend, Amator then had a dream in which Germanus—of all people—was named as his successor! And so it worked out. Germanus, completely converted, became a model of Christian virtue and, after his ordination, journeyed to England to crush the Pelagian heresy.

It is this strange story which the bench-ends illustrate. My photographs show Germanus as hunter, accompanied by his dog; beasts of the chase; the felled tree; and Germanus kneeling in penitence as another beast looks on in wonder. The remainder of the series portray Germanus in various ecclesiastical roles.—G. B. WOOD, *Rawdon, Leeds.*

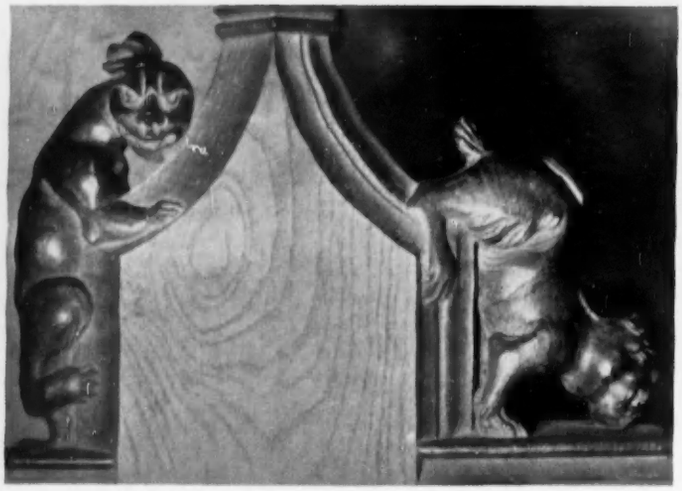
WHOSE NIGHTSHIRT?

SIR,—I was amused to read Mr. Havinden's letter (June 23) about the origin of the story of the deaf man's confusion between pyjamas and bananas, and his rejoinder that he a'ways wore a nightshirt. I heard this story 60 years ago, when both pyjamas and bananas became common. The story was then fathered on neither Dean Inge nor Mr. Gladstone, but Dr. Spooner.

I first wore pyjamas instead of a nightshirt in 1894 and first ate a banana in the summer of 1896.—C. A. KNAPP (Capt.), *Granville Court, Bournemouth, Hampshire.*

BLACKBIRD FEEDING YOUNG THRUSH

SIR,—My gardener told me the other morning that he had seen a blackbird with its beak full of worms being so pestered by a young thrush that it dropped the worms on the ground and gave one to the young thrush. After this the blackbird picked up the



(*Above and below*) BENCH-ENDS IN WIGGENHALL ST. GERMAN CHURCH, NORFOLK, CARVED WITH INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE OF ST. GERMANUS

See letter: Biographical Bench-ends

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Painted by Maurice Wilson in collaboration with Rowland Hilder

NORTH OR WEST OF THE HIGHLANDS lie steep islands where Atlantic-wandering sea-birds rear their young. Each kind has its special place on the cliff. Well-grown young cormorants (1) wander about the broad cliff-top ledge that houses their slummy nests, and urgently beg food from their returning parents. Guillemots (2) have young on flat, rocky ledges — young which, though not a fortnight old, will today flutter down on part-grown wings to complete their growth on the sea below. The main part of the gannet colony whitens the great rock-stack beyond, but a group of them (3) nests on the home-cliffs, on broad ledges above the guillemots: a pair's greeting is the "scissoring" display. Over half the North Atlantic's gannets nest in Scotland. Every ocean-facing high cliff in Scotland now has a colony of the increasing fulmar (4), the nearest thing to an albatross among our British nesting birds. Its egg is seven weeks hatching and its young are seven weeks fledging. Puffins (5) stand at the entrance to their nest-burrows in the turf, among the sea-pinks, and a colony of herring-gulls (6) laughs and cries on the green sloping overcliff. On a rock, a great black-back (7), the biggest of our gulls, snatcher of unguarded young, stands watching; and a raven (8), the other scavenger of the cliffs, patrols the air. A pair of peregrines (9), the swift falcons of the cliffs, seek prey. A kittiwake (10), most truly oceanic of the gulls, sails to its nest-place on some sheer face of the steepest cliff. In the rock-strewn sea below, grey seals (11) bathe and bask.

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remaining worms and flew away. He added that, though he has lived in the country for over seventy years, he had never seen this happen before.—NORMAN BEYFUS, *Claytons, Sedlescombe, Battle, Sussex.*

[Many birds that are feeding young of their own will feed the young of other birds if these meet them and beg for food. The gaping mouth and cries of the young bird act as a stimulus to which the adult responds automatically.—ED.]

DOG WITH A TASTE FOR ALCOHOL

SIR,—The reference of one of your correspondents to his fox-terrier's taking port off his finger encourages me to record that I have a corgi bitch of four which will take champagne, gin and French, sherry and practically any liqueur including brandy in the same way. In fact, she appears to appreciate any alcoholic beverage except the commonplace beer and cider.—S. L. KIND, *Friars Oak, Shinfield, Berkshire.*

THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING EGGS

SIR,—A week or two ago we noticed a flycatcher's nest, containing four eggs, in a dead creeper under a bedroom window. Two days later, two of the eggs had disappeared, but a cuckoo's egg had joined the others. Ten days after that the cuckoo's egg had disappeared, and the flycatcher was sitting on her own two eggs. Is not this rather unusual?

I could find no trace under the windows of either the cuckoo's egg or either of the two evicted eggs. What happened?—O. D. GOODDEN (Capt.), *The Old House, North Cheriton, Templecombe, Somerset.*

[We suggest that the cuckoo removed two of the flycatcher's eggs, instead of the usual one, before laying her own egg, and that later a jay, or possibly a squirrel, stole the cuckoo's egg. But why the remaining flycatcher's eggs were not taken at the same time is another matter.—ED.]

CAT TO THE RESCUE

SIR,—It is only after reading Lt.-Col. Buzzard's recent article and Miss Margery Smith's letter (June 16) that I venture to tell you this story.

I was standing at the bedroom window of our house stropping my razor when I saw my wife's Scottie bitch trot down a grass path running before and parallel with the front of the house. Immediately below me ran a path making the leg of a T to the first path and leading to a garden gate on the road. Herbaceous borders in full flower that summer day skirted each side of the latter path and the far side of the path along the house.

A moment later the Scottie was joined by our big grey neuter cat. A conference seemed to take place and then the cat disappeared in the border to the right of the path to the gate. The dog disappeared to the right in the direction of the drive.

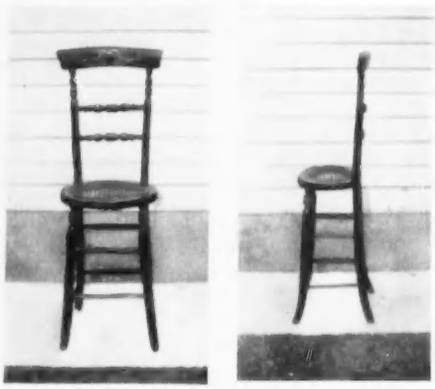
I started to shave and looked out only in time to see the dog being chased along the front of the house by a mongrel collie from a few doors away. As the collie passed the corner below me the cat leapt on to his shoulders, and with a squeal the collie bolted for the garden gate. His rider put him at it and it was cleared by a good two feet; and, although I heard plenty, I saw no more.

Before breakfast I walked to the gate and saw a very tired jockey trotting back without his mount. The latter was never seen within 100 yards of the house again, although he had been a curse to the Scottie for several weeks previously.

The dog and the cat were keen hunters and frequently went rabbiting together. I have seen them doing the fox and vixen trick, although never successfully, probably owing to my presence. I have, however, twice seen them returning home carrying between them a full-grown rabbit.

The cat was not particular in his choice of game: on one occasion he presented my wife with a live adder, which he dropped at her feet at the breakfast table.

The cat was a much-travelled animal. He followed the fleet to all naval ports in which I served in England, Scotland and Wales, and subsequently visited Paris, where he got lost, Switzerland and much of the British Zone of Germany. He died at 18½ years in our present house.—THOMAS W. BOTLEY (Comdr., R.N., Retd.), *Greenacres, Farnham-lane, Haslemere, Surrey.*



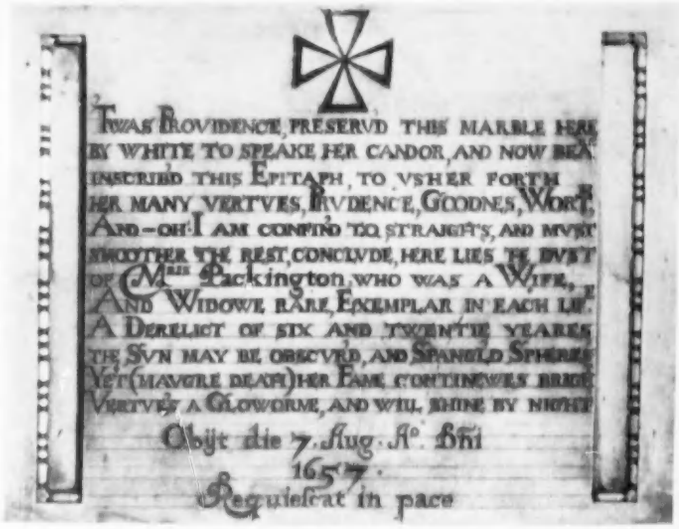
FRONT AND SIDE VIEW OF A CHILD'S HIGH CHAIR OF THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE 19th CENTURY

See letter: The Astley Cooper Chair

THE ASTLEY COOPER CHAIR

SIR,—I should be glad to know for what purpose the high-backed chair shown in the two enclosed photographs was made. It is of cherry wood and stands 39 inches high. The oval cane seat is 10 inches by 13 inches. The chair cannot have been for a child, since the head would have come in the wrong place.—P. V. HOOK, *Broad Green, Burgess Hill, Sussex.*

[Chairs of this type, dating from the second quarter of the 19th century, are called Astley Cooper chairs after Sir Astley Paston Cooper (1768-1841), the eminent surgeon. In Loudon's *Encyclopaedia of Cottage, Farm and Villa Architecture* (1835) the chair is described as being one recommended by Astley Cooper "with the view of preventing children from acquiring a habit of leaning forward, or stooping; the upright position of the back affording support when the child is placed at table, and eating, which a sloping backed chair does not. It is proper to observe that some medical men do not approve of these chairs." This type of high chair must have been popular in the second quarter of the 19th century, for many examples with differently designed legs and backs are extant.—ED.]



THE BASE OF A MONUMENT AT CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE

See letter: The Humble Widow

THE MILL ON THE FLOSS

SIR,—Like John Ridd's home (June 11) the mill of George Eliot's *The Mill on the Floss* has two alleged originals: Ashcroft Mill at Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, which she visited in 1845 and 1848, and Arbury Mill Farm, near Nuneaton.

Ashcroft Mill was demolished in 1926, but the enclosed photograph of the other claimant may be of interest. The mill wheel—it still exists in an outbuilding to the left—was powered by the canal shown in the foreground, which was built in the 1770s by Sir Roger Newdigate, of Arbury, who appears in George Eliot's *Scenes of Clerical Life* as Sir Christopher Cheverel.

The probability is that much of the local colour of Dorlcote Mill was inspired by Arbury Mill, which was familiar to George Eliot, for she was born at South Farm, of which I also enclose a photograph, on the Arbury estate, where her father was agent, and spent her childhood at near-by Griff House.—MARGARET JONES (Mrs.), 32, *Forest-road, Moseley, Birmingham, 13.*

THE HUMBLE WIDOW

SIR,—One is familiar with the word relict on gravestones used as an alternative to widow, but only once have I come across the word derelict, of which it is presumably an abbreviation.

It appears on a wall monument at Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, of which I enclose a photograph. This particular derelict evidently had the virtue of humility—for after cataloguing her husband's praises at great length on the monument she erected to his memory, she omitted to leave enough space for her own.—MIDLANDER, *Birmingham.*

AN ESSEX GUNMAKER

SIR,—With reference to the enquiry and reply in your issue of May 26 and June 16, a John Squire Boreham became the tenant of Islington Hall and the sporting rights over the estate there on April 6, 1911, under a lease for seven years. He left when I was away at the war, at Ladyday, 1918, and I do not remember now where he went. He was a very old man when he came, and I remember his telling me that he was a retired gunmaker from Essex.—H. L. BRADFER-LAWRENCE, *Sharow End, Ripon, Yorkshire.*

ARBURY MILL FARM, NEAR NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE, POSSIBLY THE ORIGINAL OF GEORGE ELIOT'S *MILL ON THE FLOSS*, AND (*right*) SOUTH FARM, ARBURY, BIRTHPLACE OF THE NOVELIST

See letter: The Mill on the Floss

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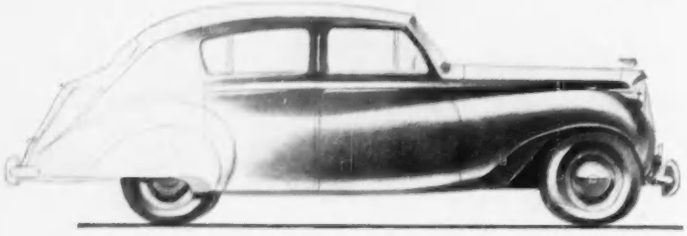

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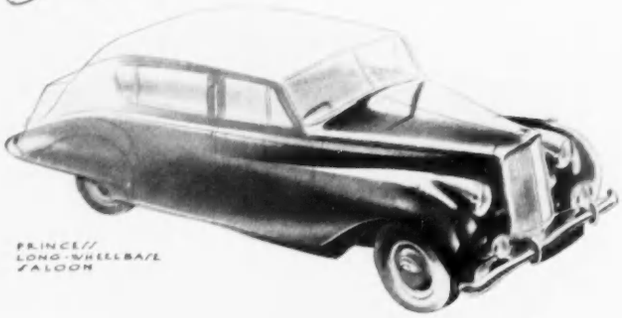

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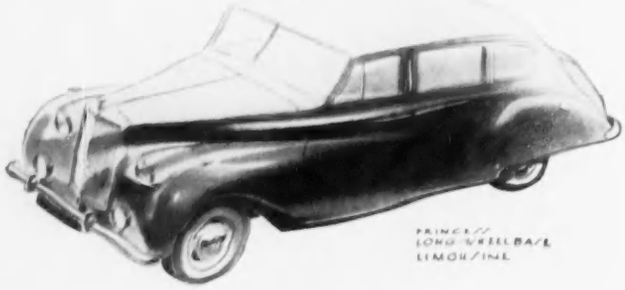

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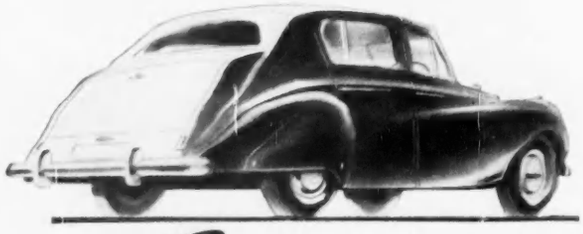

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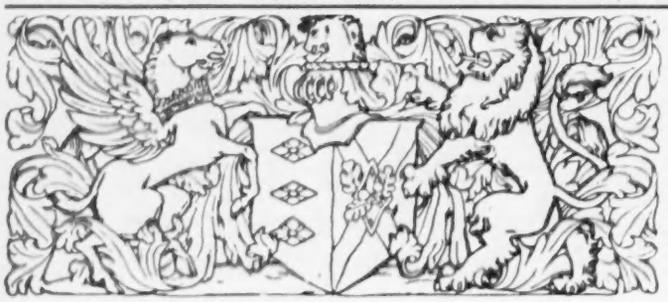

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MOTORING NOTES

RACING DEVELOPMENTS AND THE PRIVATE CAR

By J. EASON GIBSON

THE tragic accident at this year's 24-Hours Race at Le Mans tended to obscure many of the interesting features of design which were being used by the rival makes. While it is true that the prototype sports/racing cars used in this race bear, in some cases, little resemblance to the cars used by the everyday motorist, many of their features are applicable to normal motoring. There are probably few COUNTRY LIFE readers interested in long-distance motor racing as such, but the lessons to be learnt from it should interest every driver of a motor-car, however humble it may be. Those readers who are, however, interested in racing should bear in mind that the average speeds achieved by the cars which finished this year do not necessarily represent their best possible performance. The very bad weather during the last eight hours of the race, besides the fact that the Italian Ferraris had retired with trouble and the Mercedes-Benz had been withdrawn after the accident, allowed the winning Jaguar to reduce its lap speed appreciably to guarantee reliability.

Three of the most technically interesting features were used on the three sports/racing Mercedes-Benz. These were desmodromic operation of the inlet and exhaust valves, direct fuel injection and air brakes. Perhaps the most interesting point in the race was the proof that rule-of-thumb testing of streamlining proved to be more effective than the most elaborate wind-tunnel testing by larger manufacturers.

The valve gear on all production car engines is operated by a combination of cams and springs. The cam opens the valve by lifting it off its seat, against the resistance of a strong spring. Immediately the cam has turned into the release position the spring forces the valve back on to its seating. The disadvantage with this method, as has been realised for over 40 years, is that difficulty is experienced in opening the valve quickly enough, because of the resistance of the spring, and, conversely, the valve cannot be closed smartly enough because the spring cannot be made sufficiently strong. As long ago as 1914 a system of desmodromic valve operation was employed on the Grand Prix Delage, but the full benefits of the system were not realised, or obtained, because engine speeds were much lower in those days. Desmodromic describes a system of valve operation which is entirely mechanical, without the assistance of springs. Its advantage is that the valve can be opened and closed positively and much more quickly than by springs, and valve bounce cannot occur.

With spring-closed valves the valve cannot be seated in one decisive movement, and at very high engine speeds the valve tends to bounce on its seating. Even at relatively normal engine speeds the valve may bounce a few times before sealing the valve opening. Apart from the strain on the working parts, this failure of the valve to close instantly causes the column of gas in the inlet port to be disturbed badly. One reason for the adoption of desmodromic valves on the Mercedes-Benz is that it prevents the results of driving carelessness from being serious. If a driver misses a gear change or momentarily allows the engine speed to rise too high, a bouncing valve can, on a high-compression racing engine, hit the rising piston. This can lead to the engine's being wrecked. With positive closing of the valves this is impossible.

During the development of this valve gear an interesting point was learnt. At first compensating springs were fitted to allow for the tolerances required between a cold and a hot engine, which would obviously upset the valve adjustment, but after these springs had broken on test it was realised that the engine ran equally well without them. The explanation is that the gas pressure within the combustion space was sufficient to force the valve firmly on to its seating.

With the normal engine, on which the combustible gas is supplied by a carburettor, or carburettors, it is in practice impossible to supply precisely equal quantities of gas to all cylinders. This results in slightly different power outputs from different cylinders, and forces the manufacturer to accept an average performance for all cylinders. An attempt has been made on the Mercedes-Benz to overcome this disadvantage by using direct fuel injection. In this system no carburettor is used, and the engine inhales air only through the inlet pipe and past the throttle. A precision-built injector pump supplies fuel to injectors which are fitted inside the combustion chamber, and by this method it is possible to supply exactly equal quantities of fuel/air to each cylinder. Pressure of the accelerator operates the throttle in the normal manner, but only air passes the throttle. The amount of fuel injected is controlled automatically in a most ingenious manner.

Controls sensitive to the vacuum in the inlet manifold, and to both the temperature and pressure of the atmosphere, are connected to the fuel pump. Opening the throttle varies the air speed in the manifold, and, accordingly, the vacuum. Because of the greater homogeneity of the mixture strength on all cylinders, direct fuel injection allows the designer to use a higher compression ratio, and thus obtain more power. Owing also to the automatic control of the fuel/air ratio in obedience to any variations in temperature or atmospheric pressure, the mixture should be equally good under any weather conditions and at any height.

As there is no disc brake available at the moment in Germany the Mercedes-Benz engineers were forced to find a different solution to the problems of braking at Le Mans, particularly as their most serious rivals, Jaguar, were using the Dunlop disc brake. It should be remembered that on the Mulsanne straight at Le Mans—four miles in length—both the Mercedes-Benz and the Jaguar were reaching speeds of between 185 and 190 m.p.h., and the cars have to be slowed for the next corner, a sharp right-angled one which cannot be taken at more than about 30 m.p.h. The strain on the brakes can be imagined, as they have to be used under the conditions I have mentioned over 300 times in the 24 hours, as well as at various other corners, which with such cars as the Mercedes-Benz and the Jaguar require the brakes at least seven other times on each lap.

On the average everyday saloon car the braking efficiency varies between 75 per cent. and 85 per cent. efficiency—or 0.75 to 0.85 of the force of gravity—and it has been estimated by engineers that the additional air brakes fitted to the Mercedes-Benz for Le Mans could probably give a braking figure from the highest speeds of between 20 per cent. and 30 per cent. One does not require to be a technician to understand the strain which the air brake must have removed from the ordinary drum brakes used on the Mercedes-Benz. The normal drum brakes on this car have been known to give trouble in the past, principally through the brakes tending to grab on, and by the drums cracking because of the sudden rise in temperature when the brakes are first applied. Because of this history of trouble unusual steps were taken on the cars for Le Mans. Four individual squirts were fitted on the fascia, which allowed the driver to force oil on to the brake lining if there should be a tendency for the brakes to grab. In other words, steps were deliberately taken to reduce the efficiency of the brakes in order to avoid the troubles following extreme use. One obvious disadvantage is that the driver had first to decide accurately which individual brake was the culprit. In both the Argentine and European Grands Prix the expedient of squirting oil on to the brakes had to be used to overcome grabbing.

THE LATEST SPORTS/RACING MERCEDES-BENZ WITH THE AIR BRAKE RAISED. The brake is so set that its use does not cause a transfer of weight from the front wheels

It might at first be thought that the use of a large air brake would upset the adhesion of the wheels, and that the weight on the front wheels would be reduced when the brake was raised. As the front of the air brake, when raised, is concave, and as it never rose to a vertical position, the resultant force was probably arranged to pass through the centre of gravity, so that the weight distribution on the wheels would remain unaltered. An air brake on a normal car would require a control connected to the ordinary brake pedal; on the cars at Le Mans it was controlled by a separate lever. All three of the features I have described could be applied to the everyday saloon car.

As regards streamlining, it is interesting to note that the Jaguar and the little Lotus were faster than theory would suggest, while the Bristol and Mercedes-Benz appeared to be slower than expected. The situation is confused by the fact that the first two did not have the benefit of wind-tunnel testing, but were the result of trial-and-error testing, admittedly by experts. The two other cars were thoroughly tested in wind tunnels. There may be a useful hint in the fact that the Jaguar and the Lotus were, in the opinion of most people, better-looking cars than those produced as the result of testing. This tends to confirm the old cliché that whatever looks right is right.

ST. ANDREWS TRAGEDIES

A Golf Commentary by **BERNARD DARWIN**

WHEN these words appear in print the two qualifying days at St. Andrews will be over and the Championship proper will have begun. So it is obviously needless, as it is in any case rather tiresome, to indulge in the gratuitous folly of prophecy. Instead I am going to look back for a moment or two on the seven Open Championships that I have watched on the Old Course. An Open Championship at St. Andrews always seems to me a little different from one anywhere else. It is the place where a man would like to win it, and I always wish that Harry Vardon had won one of his six Championships there. He was not overfond of the course, but I think in his heart he would have liked to win there, and he never came really close to doing so.

A Championship there is, perhaps, not quite the exciting spectacle it was since the spectators have been so well and wisely shepherded to the side lines, and there is no wild stampede of onlookers down the course headed by the scarlet gowns of the students; but one can hope to see the golf, and the players no longer run the risk of being annihilated.

When I recall these seven Championships some of my outstanding memories are those of tragedy and of wishes just unfulfilled. So many of my reflections seem to begin: "If only." There are always horrible, futile "ifs," but there seem to me to have been more here than anywhere else.

Of course this is not true of all the seven and certainly not of 1910, though, to this year belongs, perhaps, the best round that ever was played, and it did not count in the Championship. The ground was as hard as a brick, and when there came on a terrific storm, the water could not escape, the course was flooded and the first day's play was called off. Braid was out in the worst of it, and had got some way when the news of the postponement reached him. He may not have quite believed it and resolved to "mak sicar." At any rate he ploughed his way through the rain-gushes to finish in an incredibly magnificent 76. This would have been a tragic waste for most people, but James just did another 76 next day and won the Championship in the end by four shots. I remember, incidentally, going out in sheets of rain (I would not be so brave now) to watch Willie Park start, the only time that I ever saw him play. The water was pouring across the course, and he was called in, I think, after the first hole.

Before the rota could bring the Championship back to St. Andrews again, came the long gap of the first war, and so the next one was eleven years later in 1921, when Jock Hutchison and Roger Wethered tied, and Hutchison won the play-off. Here was, indeed, tragedy, for it would have been such a wonderful thing if Roger could have won it, and he ought, if that word is ever permissible, to have won it. I am not thinking of the stroke he lost by accidentally kicking his ball, because I cannot agree with those who talk of it as an arithmetical certainty that, but for this, he would have won. It is that most gratuitous five he took at the home hole in his last great round that causes me, like Mr. Pecksniff, to retire and shed a tear in the back garden. In fact, I did not see it, for I was, heaven knows how stupidly, watching somebody else at the time, but I feel just as grief-stricken as if I had.

The next year is 1927, and there was certainly nothing tragic about it, unless, indeed, it was for the rest of the field. Bobby Jones won with 285, and this was one of the years when there were two classes of golfers, Bobby in one and in the other all the other players. I don't know whether any iconoclastic person will beat that score this year. If the conditions are as fine as they were then, I daresay somebody will, but, for my part, I hope the score will still stand.

And with that to the year of real, horrid tragedy, 1933. I do not mean the fact that two Americans, Densmore Shute and Craig Wood, tied for the Championship, though that was rather a severe blow at St. Andrews of all places. It was the fact that another American, Gene Sarazen, who was playing far the best golf of all the field, did not win. Two famous bunkers, the Hill at the 11th and Hell at the 14th, took a most cruel toll. Nor was that all, for, as regards the 11th there was a truly poisonous ingredient in Sarazen's cup of disappointment. It was in his second round; he had begun with a 72, and was doing better figures still when he hooked his tee shot at the High hole coming in into that cavernous Hill bunker. It took him three shots to get out, and he holed out in six.

That was bad enough, but worse was the fact that though his marker, a distinguished lady golfer, recorded six, and Gene himself had no doubt about it, it was alleged that he had taken seven, and there was a formal enquiry. Of course, the marker's score was accepted, but Gene was sadly hurt in his feelings, which in the circumstances was very natural. However, he pulled himself together and once more had the prize in his grip, when, at the Long Hole in, he cut his second into Hell, and was too ambitious with his shot out of it. He took eight and he lost the Championship by a single stroke. So did another American, Leo Diegel, and there was always an element of tragedy about him, because he never could quite do it, no matter how good his chance. He had a four to tie on the home hole, laid a long putt apparently stone dead from the back of the green, and then with his next attempt barely hit the ball.

Just before the war, 1939, was Burton's year and all ended well, when, after a rather adventurous round he finished like a lion to beat Johnny Bulla by two shots. Yet here again was something tragic for that fine Argentine player, Pose. His ball lay on the grass verge of the road at the back of the 17th green, and that grass was by law part of the hazard. Poor Pose did not know this, his caddie could not tell him since they had no language in common, so he innocently grounded his club and was inevitably penalised. He finished five strokes behind the winner in the end, but I have always had a notion that but for that mishap he might have won. He looked a beautiful player.

The first Championship after the war, in 1946, was likewise at St. Andrews. Snead won it in the end comfortably enough by four strokes and some other people had done their best to hand it to him on a golden plate. There was Cotton, for instance, who clearly wanted to add a St. Andrews Championship to his record, and began superbly with two 70s. Then, on the last day, things began to go wrong, particularly on the green, and he ended calamitously with a 79. I can still see him walking away silent through a silently sympathetic crowd: one can hear his feet in the hush as he passes Tom Morris's shop.

Bulla took a 79 likewise for a total of 294, one better than Cotton; Locke had a relatively poor finish too, as I remember it, also for 294; but the really tragic figure was poor Rees. His second round had been a wonderful one of 67, a new record. His other two had been eminently sound, and, with a round to go, he was at the head of the field with a score of 215, equal with Bulla and Snead. All St. Andrews hearts were with him and he started on his final round with a mighty following. His first drive was a bad but superlatively lucky one; it ought to have been out of bounds on the right, but the ball hit a spectator and lay clear. Alas! Rees did not use his luck, went out for a long second with wood and was caught in the burn and then managed incredibly to take five more shots and holed out in 7.

These various tragedies (there had been a series of putts missed at the home hole) made life simple for Snead, and after a rather erratic beginning he finished at his ease with a 75.

That was the last Open Championship at St. Andrews, and nine years seems a long time to have to wait for another. I wish I could think it would be played on a reasonably fast course, but I begin to wonder whether we shall ever again see the Old Course quite what it used to be, and I am sure people must be tired of my being tired of eternal pitches on to slow greens. So I will say no more. There will be some tragedies—that is inevitable. Will they be caused by the Hill or Strath or Hell or the Road? Probably by none of them, but by some insignificant little fellow that has hardly even got a name.

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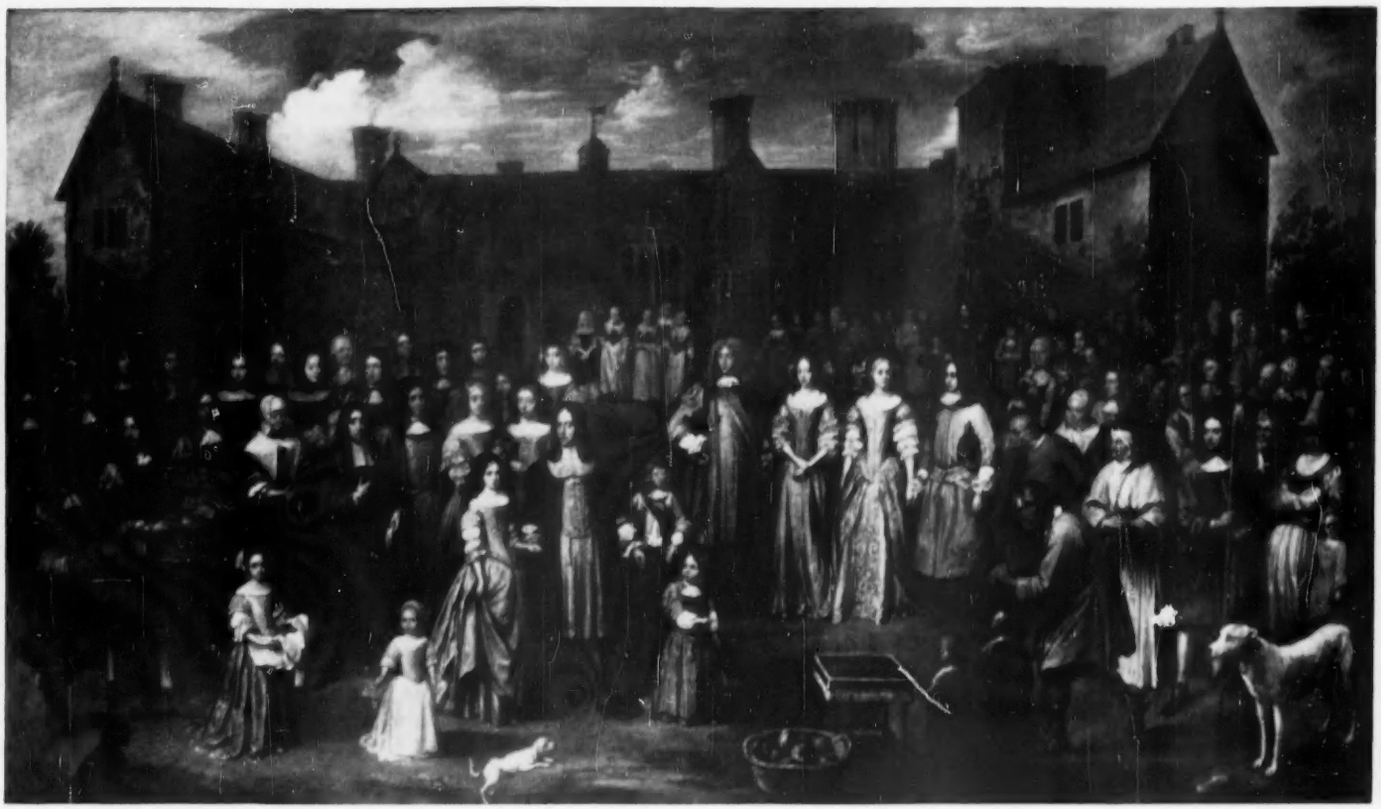


THE TICHBORNE DOLE, 1670, BY GILLIS VAN TILBORCH. **The paintings illustrating this article are from an exhibition of works of art from Hampshire houses on view at Winchester College**

ONE of the most rewarding aspects of the present widespread interest in the arts is the impetus that it affords to local patriotism. Every year in a quiet but determined way are staged a number of admirable exhibitions in which a survey is attempted either of some local hero or else of the works of art located in private hands in the district. On this occasion, the collectors of Hampshire, a county which contains some notable historic houses, have responded to the appeal launched by the Friends of Winchester Cathedral by lending a varied group of pictures which are on view at Winchester College (July 2 to July 21) and subsequently at the Southampton Art Gallery (July 28 to August 18).

With commendable good sense, the Friends of Winchester Cathedral invited Mr. Oliver Millar, the Deputy Surveyor of the Queen's pictures, to arrange the exhibition, and his considerable knowledge of the byways of English painting has enabled him to unearth a number of important and little-known works slumbering in houses in various parts of the county. One of the delights of this exhibition—as of others of the same type—is that certain pictures, which chart a particular corner of artistic activity, are displayed for the first time. Nor can many exhibitions yield, as does the present, a painter who has escaped the wide-flung nets of Thieme and Becker, compilers of the dictionary of artists. The still life by the hitherto unrecorded painter Despinxja is signed and dated 1624 and its appearance may well institute further enquiries into his identity.

The exhibition as a whole, moreover, presents a number of works which will be unfamiliar to all but the most seasoned connoisseur. Naturally, the 17th-century English school, which is Mr. Millar's particular subject, is well represented. One of the most fascinating works on view, for instance, is G. van Honthorst's *The*

DAVID TENIERS: *THE GUARD-ROOM*. (*Right*) KAREL DUJARDIN: *LE MANEGE*

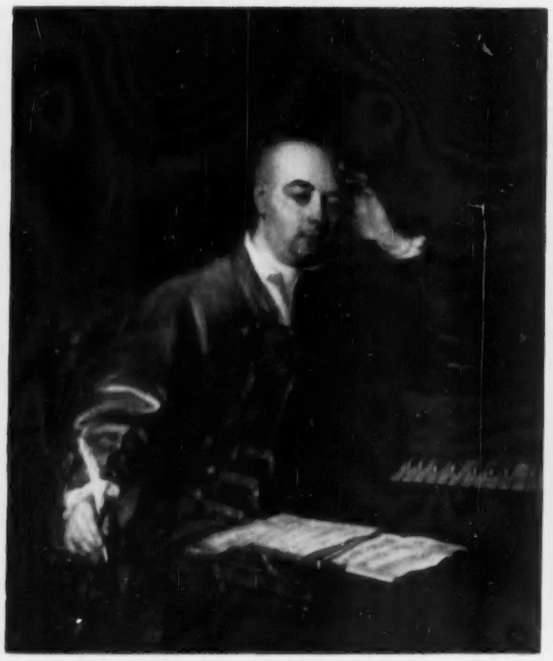
LOUIS-GABRIEL BLANCHET: PORTRAIT OF CARDINAL YORK

Palatine Children (Winchester Deanery), which presumably belonged to Prince Rupert and then to his illegitimate daughter, Ruperta Howe. No less fascinating is J. M. Wright's grand and sinister portrait of George Villiers, 2nd Duke of Buckingham, of 1669 (lent by Dorothy, Countess of Malmesbury). With memories of Dryden in mind after looking at this striking portrait, one may turn to Lely's well-known portrait of Dorothy Osborne (lent by Lady Mountbatten), a picture which was actually discussed by Lady Osborne in her letters. But the most interesting picture from this period is *The Tichborne Dole* of 1670, by Gillis van Tilborch, in which Sir Henry Tichborne, surrounded by his family, advances to distribute his hereditary dole to a group of expectant tenants in front of the original Tudor front of Tichborne House. This view of local life, which forms an unrivalled social document of the time, is still in the possession of the Doughty-Tichborne family.

The major attraction of the 18th-century English school in this exhibition is the group of paintings by Reynolds. This includes the four early portraits of the Stanley family dating from the mid 1750s and lent by Mrs. John Everett. The portrait of Mrs. Sarah Stanley, the daughter of Sir Hans Sloane, is particularly incisive and foreshadows the combination of characterisation and grandeur that stamps the later portrait of James Calthorpe (1773), lent by Brigadier Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe. Reynolds's portraits are so familiar that one is inclined to overlook his work in other directions. Thus the chance of examining his sketch *The Adoration of the Shepherds*, which was the central area in the window designed by Reynolds for New College Chapel, Oxford, dating from the 1770s (Lord Normanton), is especially valuable. In discussing the project with the Warden of New College, Reynolds wrote: "My idea is to paint in the great space in the centre Christ in the Manger, on the principle that Correggio has done it in the famous picture called the Notte, making all the light proceed from Christ, these tricks of the art . . . seem to be more properly adapted to Glass painting than any other kind." This statement illustrates how Reynolds was one of the first English painters to think in terms of the decorative arts properly speaking; thus this particular picture is an early example of that connection between painting and stained glass which flowered with the Pre-Raphaelites.

The English contingent contains also works by Hogarth and Devis, Allan Ramsay and Wright of Derby; the last-mentioned is represented by a view of Naples of 1780 (Major P. Miller-Mundy). Lord Camrose's landscape by Gainsborough will be familiar from the recent exhibition at the Tate Gallery, and admirers of the diplomatic activities of James Harris, 1st Lord Malmesbury, will be delighted by Lawrence's perceptive portrait of 1806, which is still in the family's possession. The Earl of Malmesbury has also lent Mercier's delicious portrait of Handel, whose decision to bequeath his musical manuscripts in equal shares to the Malmesbury and Shaftesbury families is a reminder of the happy relations that could exist between musician and patron in the 18th century. Indeed, the exhibition, as a whole, is fascinating for all who care to read their history with the aid of illustrations. Of particular interest in this respect are the portraits of Prince Charles Edward and of Cardinal York by L.-G. Blanchet, a French artist working in Rome in the first half of the 18th century; these were painted for the Duchess of Parma and were acquired by Lord Orford at the Parma sale. They now belong to Mrs. Colin Davy.

Not the least instructive aspect of the exhibition is the light it sheds on the vagaries of English taste; here a word of praise must go to Mr. Millar's catalogue, which contains valuable notes on the provenance of the pictures. It is in fact only by means of such references that we can recall that Antonio Joli was patronised by Lord Brudenell in 1754 (as in the series of Italian views from Beaulieu) or observe the steps in the formation of such celebrated collections as that of Lord Northbrook. A picture such as Coello's *Portrait of a Boy* (1577) was acquired from the sale of Louis Philippe's pictures in 1853, while Karel Dujardin's *Le Manège* once belonged to William Beckford. The Northbrook collection, which was formed in the mid 19th century, is particularly strong in Dutch pictures (that the founder should have patronised Mulready is quite in keeping), and two of the most attractive pictures from this school are D. Teniers's *The Guard-room* of 1647 (which Thomas Baring bought from Chaplin in 1848) and Gerrit Berckheyde's *The Town Hall at Haarlem*, which was once in the Verstolk collection. But we are not only shown the well-known Dutch painters of the 17th century. Mr. Millar has prepared a well-seasoned dish, and the *cognoscenti* will be delighted by the newly discovered *St. Cecilia* by M. Stomer, the Utrecht Caraveggesque painter, which has been lent by the Duke of Wellington. The presence of yet another apparently unrecorded painting, F. Boucher's *A Shepherd and Shepherdess*, which belongs to Major J. M. Mills, is an indication of the breadth of the exhibition.



PHILIPPE MERCIER: PORTRAIT OF HANDEL. (*Right*) SIR JOSHUA REYNOLDS: PORTRAIT OF MRS. SARAH STANLEY, DAUGHTER OF SIR HANS SLOANE

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By M. HARRISON-GRAY

BECAUSE one thing leads to a thousand other things in this game of ours, and what is ambrosia to one authority is belladonna to another, I am inclined to shirk the more technical aspects of bidding. Several readers, however, have revived that all-important subject, the order in which one's suits should be bid, with particular reference to the hand containing three four-card suits.

For years we followed blindly the simple rule laid down in every textbook: start with the suit "below" the singleton. If partner, as anticipated, responds in your singleton suit, bid the higher-ranking of your remaining two suits; on the next round, time and other factors permitting, you complete the picture by showing your third suit. This fits in beautifully (on paper) with the principle of preparedness.

It is not quite as simple as that. This type of hand, let's face it, is apt to prove a brute in both the bidding and the play; as Culbertson once put it, "A 4-4-4-1 is a symptom of morbid cancerous growth around the table and generally presages distributional storms." Speaking from experience, in less clinical and meteorological terms, I should say that we run into a four-one or five-nought division of the adverse trumps far more often than the textbook tables of "simple probabilities" would lead us to expect.

Nowadays the authorities are no longer in close harmony; the tendency is to thrust the onus on the reader by telling him that every hand should be judged on its merits. In *Modern Bidding and the Acol System* Reese gives one brief paragraph on the subject and one example only:

♠ 7 ♡ K 6 4 2 ◇ A Q J 9 ♣ A K 6 3

"It is a mistake," he says, "to open One Heart on a hand of this type. There is no point in mentioning such a weak suit, for if partner has good Hearts he can bid them over One Diamond." Agreed, but the words "*good* Hearts" set us off along the first of the inevitable side-tracks.

Surely one good reason for suppressing the opener's Hearts is that "modern bidding" requires responder to make the cheap bid of One Heart over One Diamond, except where he has an obvious alternative, on almost any four cards in the major. In spite of weekly assertions in a certain newspaper, there is no real cleavage here between duplicate and rubber bridge tactics; the object in both games is to get a reasonable result on each deal, allowing for possible enemy intervention, which means that no time must be lost in seeking the best denomination. This example was recently quoted by the author of *Money Bridge*:

♠ J 6 2 ♡ K 10 7 4 ◇ Q 8 5 ♣ 8 6 3

"Let me explain the latest refinements," he says, sardonically. "You partner deals and opens One Club. You must not reply One No-Trump, because this denies the holding of a biddable major suit; your response is One Heart, and any other response is wrong." And then he lets us into the secret of success: "If you always tell the opponents your suit, they are unlikely to bid it."

Here we have the same old story. Once upon a time a player, having bid a No-Trump on such a hand, was able to double an opposition Heart call. Does it matter that, on a dozen other occasions after a similar start on a similar hand, his side lost all chance of a plus score? It is not merely a question of missing a part-score or a game; there are the times when the opponents could not be pushed out of their depth and doubled, for the simple reason that the propelling agent was lacking. Let us put this hand, with trifling adjustments, opposite Reese's example:

West ♠ 7	*East* ♠ J 6 2
♡ K 6 4 2	♡ Q J 9 7
◇ A Q J 9	◇ 10 8 5
♣ A K 6 3	♣ Q 8 5

Suppose West deals at game all, and the bidding starts with One Diamond by West, pass by North, One No-Trump by East and Two Spades by South, who is going to bid Hearts now? West can compete with Three Clubs, but a bid of Three Spades by North, followed by two passes, reduces him to "a double in rage" that is too close for comfort. The "latest refinement" (a One Heart response by East) gets you to game by the shortest possible route, for West bids a direct Four Hearts; if North-South bid up to Four Spades, they can be doubled on somewhat firmer ground. A bid of One Heart on a hand like East's is not a case of advanced science, but of elementary economics. Hands with 4-4-4-1 distribution can be a nightmare with a partner who holds the One-over-One suit-over-suit principle in fine contempt.

We can sacrifice the odd chance of luring the opposition into some Heart indiscretion by preferring a One No-Trump response, for there is another side to the story. If you respond in Hearts, say on K 10 7 4, the opponents are unlikely to bid the suit; they are also unlikely to lead it. Is it a rare event for such a call to inhibit the most damaging lead against your side's final contract?

Reese concludes his brief reference to 4-4-4-1 hands with a sound observation: "Opening bids on bad major suits should always be avoided on fairly strong hands, for should the suit be supported and the bidding reach the slam zone, the weakness of the trump suit will be a constant source of worry to the opening bidder." But it is not the remote prospect of a slam which affects our choice in a case like this:

♠ A J 6 5 ♡ K 10 8 4 ◇ K Q J 3 ♣ 7

This example is given in the latest Culbertson manual. The recommended bid is One Spade—"bid the highest when all suits are touching." Spades rank as the suit below the singleton when the latter happens to be in Clubs.

It is on hands of this type that the British player who is capable of thinking for himself decided long ago to depart from the "book." When two weakish majors are held, it pays heavily in the long run to open with One Heart so long as a sound rebid is available (in the above case Two Diamonds can conveniently be bid over a response of Two Clubs). All three suits cannot be bid in descending order without giving a distorted picture of the hand; but, if One Heart is bid and responder fails to mention the other major at any stage, the existence of a four-four fit in Spades is highly improbable. By the same token, if this hand is opened with One Spade, there is no compulsion to bid Hearts on the next round; a rebid of Two Diamonds offers more leeway.

Another Culbertson example:

♠ K Q 10 6 ♡ A J 10 7 ◇ 8 ♣ K J 6 5

Again the recommended bid is One Spade—"bid the major when both majors are strong," and not One Club, the suit below the singleton. But compare with a very similar hand quoted by Goren, on which "the correct opening bid is One Club":

♠ A K x x ♡ A J 10 x ◇ x ♣ K J x x

Most of us will side with Goren (but I do wish he would avoid those slovenly "x's"!). If, over One Club, partner can scratch up a cheap bid in either major, our problems are immediately solved, while the best spot cannot be missed when his only length is in Clubs. But, Goren goes on to say, "If partner responds with One Diamond, you rebid One Spade. If he then bids Two Diamonds, you may bid Two Hearts." Personally, I am again in favour of keeping the bidding low on these tricky 4-4-4-1 hands and can see no objection to a One Heart rebid, leaving it to partner to mention Spades if he happens to have four of them.

Here I must refuse to be side-tracked. As we all know, there are certain advanced views on the meaning of a bid in the "fourth suit," and I may say something on the subject when I feel in the mood. Meanwhile, when the partnership is still at the One level after the cyclic sequence One Club—One Diamond; One Heart—One Spade, the last call should be assumed to show four cards in the suit.

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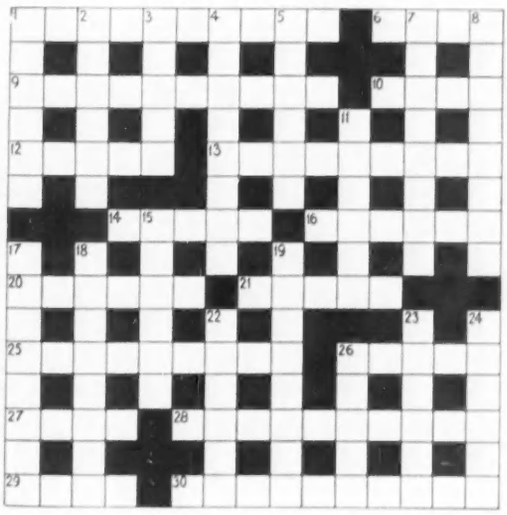

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6. Has he been a sore point to fellow-workers? (4)
9. Made with determination: does it concern a crossword? (10)
10. Drags the bait (4)
12. "It may be we shall touch the Happy ——" —*Tennyson* (5)
13. Tree *décor* (anagr.) (9)
14 and 16. It might make itself felt as a thorn in the side (5, 6)
20 and 21. Not for a silver collection, evidently (11)
25. How we civilised Fenland (9)
26. Married in Kent? But not an Englishman (5)
27. Chaucer described her house (4)
28. He would not be of much use in combination on the football field (10)
29. The hand usually played in patience (4)
30. The blooming barley? (10)

DOWN

1. Capital song-writer (6)
2. Not gone yet (2, 4)
3. This family, we hear, does not come from the Highlands (5)
4. The place for the thirsty holiday-maker? (8)
5. They provide sleeping accommodation (6)
7. What was responsible for raising this road is not stated (8)
8. In short, Elizabeth, being about top, gives the order (8)
11. "He sobbed and he sighed, and a gurgle he gave"—*W. S. Gilbert* (6)
15. What the Confederate general had to make up? (6)
17. "View him with ——, yet with jealous eyes" —*Pope* (8)
18. For example, I must take men on spec (8)
19. Leg bound (anagr.) (8)
22. Something is undeveloped in this (6)
23. Confer a name on the Wold (6)
24. The one in 18th-century France was more than a mistake (6)
26. The objective of 28 is not primarily to injure (5)

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SOLUTION TO No. 1325. *The winner of this Crossword, the clues of which appeared in the issue of June 30, will be announced next week.*

ACROSS.—1, Pews; 3, Remembered; 10, Noise; 11, Overtasks; 12, Yield; 13, Ultimate; 14, Elm; 16, Train; 17, Excusable; 20, Moth-eaten; 22, Surge; 23, Fee; 24, Assemble; 27, Least; 29, Heaviness; 30, China; 31, Expository; 32, Ends. DOWN.—1, Penny stamp; 2, Whitebait; 4, Emolument; 5, Erect; 6, Betimes; 7, Reset; 8, Dust; 9, Leaden; 15, Desert rats; 18, Confessor; 19, Barbarian; 21, Eyelids; 22, Select; 25, Sharp; 26, Bleat 28, Shoe.

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JULY

DIPLOMATIC PRISONER

On July 27th, 1708, the London Ambassador of a great foreign power was arrested for debt in England and imprisoned. We name no names and point no fingers. Our foolish, fond, romantic idea had been that all ambassadors, and perhaps all diplomats, up to about the beginning of the First World War, were not only immensely handsome but immensely rich. When they were not dancing waltzes (or valses, rather) with a flash of ribbons and a jingle of pinned-on stars, they were shooting the presidential partridges, or riding on elephants, or doing something else essentially expensive. With a tendency to wear fur coats while other mortals wore mere coats, to wear knee-breeches while others wore trousers, ambassadors generally managed to look the part . . . . of men apart. But fur coats, knee-breeches, swords, gold braid and plates marked CD for the back of the limousine . . . these things cost money. Ah well, in these egalitarian days, when many diplomats (it is whispered) live on their salaries and do not own yachts, it is good to realise that the number of ambassadors arrested for debt in any given week is rather small.

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STRIKING A BALANCE

LAST week I reproduced some remarks by Lieut.-Col. R. B. Verdin, chairman of the Taxation Committee of the County Landowners' Association, to the effect that owners of farm land were subsidising agriculture to the tune of upwards of £40 million a year and that unless they were able to obtain a modest return on their capital the relationship between landlord and tenant would suffer.

At first sight there seems to be no valid reason why a landlord should not be able to charge, and a tenant be able to pay, a rent that is economical to both, for agriculture has been placed on a sound footing, and there should, in theory, be sufficient money for neither party to be out of pocket. But the trouble is that farming is in a transitional stage, and a farmer, if he is to be successful, must rely to an ever-increasing extent on modern, labour-saving equipment that he cannot afford to buy if he has to pay a rent that is compatible with his working profits.

CHANGED VALUES

IN order to get an idea of how rental values have changed during the past few years, and of how difficult it is for landlords to strike a balance between money spent on upkeep and repairs and income received in rents, one has only to turn to the latest edition of Mr. R. C. Walmsley's *Rural Estate Management*, published recently by the *Estates Gazette*, price 37s. 6d.

The theory of rental values, as Mr. Walmsley points out, is that, broadly speaking, the landlord of the best land should receive the highest rent, and the farmer with the worst land should pay the lowest rent. But he goes on to say that "in a country like England or Wales there are many factors that disturb the simple logic above."

Although the Agriculture Act of 1947 was intended "to promote and maintain a stable and efficient agricultural industry capable of producing food at minimum prices consistent with an adequate return on capital invested in the industry," the fact that agriculture is an industry means that both landlords and tenants are, to some extent, competitive. For instance, farm rents, looked at from the landowner's point of view, are judged in terms of interest received on capital, whereas the nature and extent of the outgoings that a landlord has to discharge out of gross rent are immaterial from the point of view of the tenant, who "regards any increased cost of maintenance as irrelevant."

RESPONSIBILITY DIVIDED

ONE cannot help wondering sometimes whether tenants, assuming that they take so dispassionate a view of the difficulties of a landlord, are wise in so doing, for if a landlord finds a tenant totally unsympathetic to his problems, there are still ways and means, apart from the drastic step of ousting him from his holding—which is by no means easy to achieve—by which he can make his life disagreeable, and at the same time save money. And one is a rigorous application of Statutory Instrument, No. 184, of 1948, which lays down clearly the division of responsibility for repairs as between landlord and tenant. Indeed, prejudice apart, one wonders sometimes whether landowners make sufficient use of the powers that were granted them by this clause, which was drafted as an essential corollary to the Agriculture Act of 1947.

WITHDRAWN AT £30,000

TWO farms, each of roughly the same size, were the objects of spirited bidding at auction recently. One, the Frith estate, a property of 263 acres that includes a set of model buildings with tyings for 58 cows, stock-yards and accommodation for 400 bacon pigs a year, was submitted by Messrs. Woolley and Wallis, was withdrawn at £30,000, and is now for sale by private treaty; the other, Greenhill Farm, a holding of 285 acres, situated at Chedworth, near Cirencester, Gloucestershire, including 226 acres of arable, 56 acres of pasture, a compact stone farm-house and two cottages, was bought in for £20,750, but was sold privately within five minutes, a development that Messrs. Hobbs and Chambers, who had been entrusted with the sale, state, "would indicate that a highly satisfactory sum was realised."

LORD NELSON'S NEW HOME

SOON after the end of the war, the Labour Government of the time revoked the pension of £5,000 a year awarded, in 1814, to the descendants of the first Earl Nelson in recognition of the part that he had played in defeating Napoleon's projected invasion of England, and, as a result, the sixth Earl Nelson was obliged to sell Standlynch, or Trafalgar as it later became known, a dignified house standing in roughly 3,500 acres on the east bank of the River Avon, a few miles below Salisbury, which had been bought out of a grant of £100,000 awarded in 1806 to the descendants of the great sailor. Trafalgar was sold, in 1948, to the Duke of Leeds, but that is not the end of the Nelson saga, for the other day Messrs. Weller, Son and Grinsted wrote to say that they had sold Maney House, Dunsfold, Surrey, to the present Earl Nelson, who is changing its name to Merton Place, which was where the great admiral spent his last days before the voyage that ended with his death at Trafalgar.

Two agricultural properties that have changed hands recently by private treaty are Oak Farm, an attested dairy and mixed farm of 413 acres at East Harting, near Petersfield, Hampshire, and Standen Farm, a holding of 127 acres at Benenden, Kent, where activities are divided between a T.T. attested dairy herd and the growing and marketing of fruit. Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley were concerned in both sales, acting as agents with Messrs. Woodcocks in the sale of Oak Farm, and with Messrs. Geering and Colyer in the negotiations that resulted in the disposal of Standen.

SALES PLANNED

AMONG a number of sales planned by Messrs. John D. Wood and Co. is the lease, for a term of seven, 14 or 21 years of Tapley Court, a house standing in 11½ acres overlooking the estuaries by the Rivers Taw and Torridge, Devon. Tapley, which belongs to Mr. John Christie, who is famous for his work in connection with the Glyndebourne opera festival, has exceptional gardens and is offered with shooting over the surrounding estate of approximately 2,500 acres.

Two other properties with sporting attributes offered by Messrs. John D. Wood and Co. are Findrack, an estate of 3,400 acres in Aberdeenshire, belonging to Col. A. Crabbe, where, in addition to close on 1,000 acres of land, in hand, 15 let farms and 100 acres of conifer, there is shooting for grouse, partridges, pheasants and snipe, and Glangrwyney Court, General Sir Ouvry Roberts's Georgian home, near Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, which has nearly 1,000 yards of salmon fishing on the River Usk. Messrs. J. Straker, Chadwick and Sons are co-agents for the last-named property.

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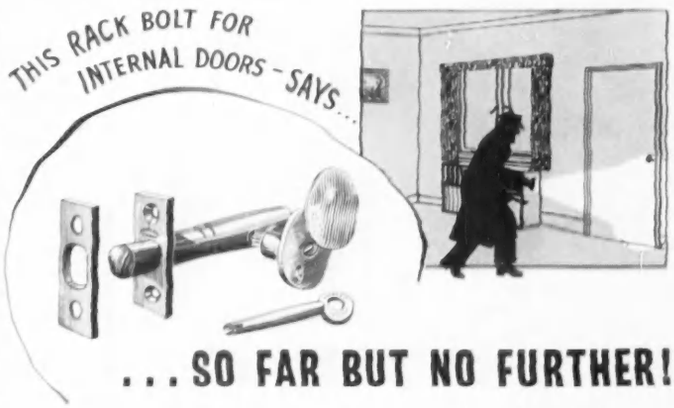

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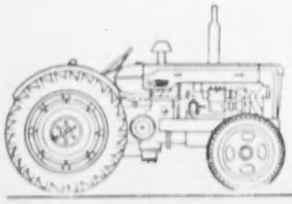

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FARMING NOTES

CORN PROMISES WELL

FREQUENT rain showers from April onwards have suited the spring corn and given the right conditions for steady growth. Almost without exception the fields look well now and there is little sign of weed growth. More spraying with herbicides has been done and it is a pleasure to see the level waving expanses of barley as the corn comes into ear. Remembering that very little corn was sown in the autumn because conditions were all against working the ground to make a seed bed, it is remarkable how promising the harvest prospects are now. Probably we shall find the crops ripening in a rush because they were all sown within a month, and there will not be the customary gap of a fortnight or so between the time when the autumn-sown corn is fit and the time when the spring-sown is ready. The Aberystwyth winter oats will be missed particularly. They always come first with us and provide some high-quality grain and useful feeding straw. We could with advantage grow more oats than we do now. The estimate for England and Wales is that the oat acreage is up very slightly on last year. Home-grown oats make it possible to save on the purchase of feeding-stuffs. This is the one cereal in the past year which has commanded a market price well above the guaranteed price. So more home-grown oats would suit the farmer's pocket and suit the taxpayer. Scottish farmers usually reckon to have oats for sale, but few English arable farmers nowadays grow any more than they are likely to need for their dairy cows and other stock. They should revise their ideas. Their neighbours who do not now grow corn will be ready buyers.

Sugar-beet

SINGLING beet calls for timely and skilled work. This year the right moment has been later than usual, as the sugar-beet, along with all other crops, was held back by the low night temperatures which persisted until the end of May. The singling of beet, and later of mangold, has gone well. All the crops I have seen have a full plant, and the growth looks regular. This may be attributed mainly to the hard spell of weather before the end of the winter which broke the ploughed furrows into a fine tilth and made it easy to work a good seed bed. On the stiffer soils it is folly to try to force a tilth by chopping the clods with heavy discs. The grower has to wait to work with nature, and this spring nature was a very ready partner. A number of mechanical thinners have been tried this spring and they will save some labour. These machines consist of a series of hoe heads fixed to discs which revolve from the tractor tool-bar, striking out the plants as they go.

Luck with Silage

MOST farmers who have been making silage for some years have their own fancies about the way the job should be done. There is a good deal of truth in these words which Mr. John R. Allan has written in *Scottish Agriculture*: "If you put green grass into a hole in the ground, you can take it out at any time within the next 20 years; and if you have been lucky or clever you have a food that smells like a brewery, looks like plug tobacco, is rich in protein and delights the heart and belly of the cow."

Vegetable Marketing

LORD Runciman's committee is now gathering information about the prices of horticultural produce at different points in the chain of distribution. A selected few individual growers and traders are being asked for their figures, and on this basis the committee hope to establish the trading story of the consignment of lettuces—for instance from the time it leaves the market garden until it reaches the housewife's shopping bag. The public are always ready to believe that there is unnecessary wastage in the handling of vegetables. Certainly it is a precarious trade, and if some of the risks could be eliminated the profit margin might properly be reduced to the advantage of the grower and the housewife. The Runciman Committee may be able to throw some fresh light on this problem. It is one that interests many people and the committee's findings and recommendations will certainly be useful.

Royal Show Visitors

MR. J. G. GARDINER must be the senior of all Ministers of Agriculture in the British Commonwealth and Empire. He has been Canada's Minister since 1935. Our government in the United Kingdom is paying him a fitting tribute by inviting him to be our guest for a fortnight, during which he will visit the Royal Show at Nottingham. Mr. Gardiner is a rugged character and has fought many duels with United Kingdom Ministers, especially over Canada's right to a place in our market for her bacon, cheese, eggs, apples and other products, even though we are short of dollars. Another visitor here for the Royal Show is Mr. Benedictov, the Soviet Minister of State Farms, who is heading a Russian delegation numbering 19. Among these guests, whose visit is sponsored by the *News Chronicle*, are the Soviet experts on sheep breeding, vegetable growing, pig breeding and farm mechanisation.

CINCINNATUS.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL ADVENTURES

DR. HENRY FIELD, of the well-known Chicago family and of the Field Museum of Natural History in that city, was brought up in this country by a stepfather who was at one time Joint Master of the Quorn. It was at Baggrave, with Roman and Saxon finds in the neighbourhood, that he acquired his taste for archæological exploration and antiquarian research. He has published in the past a good many monographs on specialised subjects, and has now, in the words of his publisher, "made his first major venture into the footnoteless realms of popular literature."

The Track of Man, by Henry Field (Peter Davies, 21s.), tells the story of archæological adventures, as well as travel, in Asia, Africa, Mexico and Europe. It is brightly and interestingly written, the author's attitude being best conveyed in the following declaration: "Millions enjoy hunting, so do I; but fox-hunting in Leicestershire, grouse shooting in Scotland, partridge and pheasant shooting in England, quail and turkey hunting in Georgia, wild-boar hunting in Iraq, lion stalking in Kenya and elephant tracking in Tanganyika—none can compare to the thrill of being on the greatest hunt of all—*the track of man*."

Some of the most interesting passages in the book are those which deal with individual men and women of the present day—such noted anthropologists as the Abbé Breuil of cave-painting fame and Dr. Eugene Dubois, the discoverer of *Pithecanthropus erectus*; such well-known figures too as Gertrude Bell and T. E. Lawrence.

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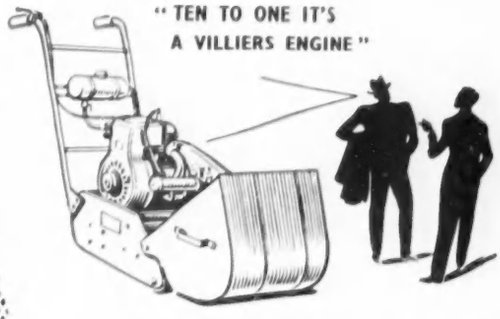

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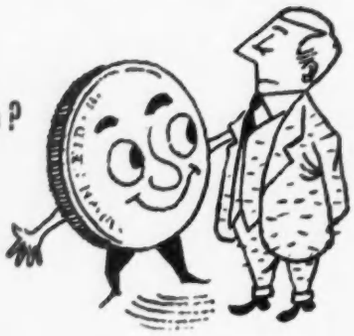

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AWAKENING OF A POET

Reviews by HOWARD SPRING

MR. RICHARD CHURCH is both poet and novelist. He was also, I learn from his new book, *Over the Bridge* (Heinemann 18s.), sufficiently good at drawing and painting to be awarded a scholarship in art, to be taken up at Camberwell Art School. That was in his teens. However, family circumstances quashed whatever hopes he may have had as an artist, and since then, he tells us in this autobiography, he has not used a brush. He became a boy clerk in the Civil Service. His life had been so full of dreams—writing, music, painting—that this must have seemed to him a grim awakening into the world of hard facts. It is just here that the book ends. But within the last few pages he stumbled upon the road to Damascus. His adored mother was dying, and he was her nurse. She was dying in a room on one side of a landing, and he, in a room on the other side, opened a book by an author new to him. He read : "I stood tiptoe upon a little hill." He went on and read more of Keats, and suddenly he knew that the world could never be the same again. Recalling the moment in this book, he speaks of his heart's sadness, of so many hopes crumbled, of the gray lane upon which his youthful steps had begun what promised to be a lifelong trudge. Then he writes a sentence containing a profoundly significant word. "Suddenly, I was armed. Poetry was to be my weapon."

Armed ! It was St. Paul, who also walked the road to Damascus, who wrote that "neither life nor death . . . nor height nor depth, nor any other creature" could separate him from the love that was there revealed to him. He was armed against everything. A distinction between a profound aesthetic and a profound religious experience does not, for me, exist. Each is an acceptance of the fact that the intangible is the real, and the rest shadows. That is the point the young Church had reached when this book ends, and to that extent it is an autobiography of the spirit.

IN VICTORIAN BATTERSEA

It is more particularly the poet who lays before us here his apprehension of this side of the matter. But the spirit has its envelope of flesh, and the flesh must get through the joys and indignities of living between the cradle and the grave. The little body may be aweary of this great world, but there the great world is, and in conducting us through it, as it presented itself to his ripening being, Mr. Church is able to call upon all the resources of the novelist. Battersea in the last Victorian years. The foggy winter streets and the warm domestic interior, which, despite inevitable stresses, was a place where love dwelt. The father, a sorter in the Post Office, was a genial man, concerning whose ancestry there were whispers of naughty work by Debrett on the wrong side of the blanket, but a shallow man and one not to be leaned on in a crisis. He would tell how, as a boy, he had crossed the river into Chelsea, and, having a jar of pickled onions in his hand, had hurled them one by one at the big hat of an odd-looking old cove whom he did not know to be Thomas Carlyle, and Carlyle advanced upon him with menacing mutters and an upraised blackthorn stick : an anecdote not without a psychological reference. The mother, teacher in a board school, a distant kinswoman of George Eliot, harassed, over-worked, abounding in love, not without ambitions for her two boys but, like her husband, limited to a bare minimum of cultural equipment. The author's elder brother bursting with enterprise in music, painting and mechanical invention, rather dour, rather more aware, perhaps, than the younger boy that a family could be something that had to be fought against rather than a nest into which one should snuggle to the point of suffocation.

Around this nucleus was the rather mean neighbourhood that furnished its drunks, harridans and gangs of mischief-seeking boys, and which threw light on the oddities of the social structure. Across the road was Mr. Froude who would come in to mend a broken window and whose brother was a historian not undistinguished; and on that same side of the street was an old soldier, "some sort of door-keeper or commissionaire . . . His name was Macdonald, and his brother, General Hector Macdonald, was a current hero during these days of the Boer War."

PORK CHOPS AND MUSIC

A deep-seated Victorian convention was the social evening. The young Richard would be taken along to houses where his father played the violin and sang ballads and his mother played the piano, and he himself, late in the evening, would be regaled with a cold pork chop and a cup of cocoa, so that we feel no surprise on learning that his erratic internal workings were a constant source of anxiety to the family. This civil war in the digestive tracts, combined with a near-blindness that no one suspected, clouded the boy's childhood. At long last he was given spectacles to wear. He has some brilliantly-written pages on his birth into the wonderful world of sight. The family ate out that night. "The tablecloth appeared to be made of white ropes in warp and woof, and the

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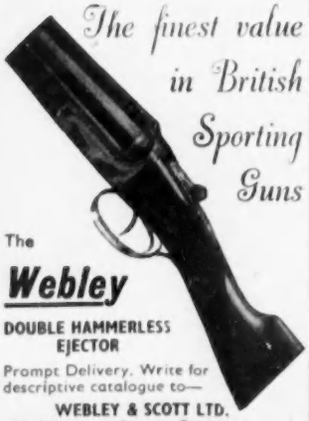

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cutlery had an additional hardness beyond that of ordinary steel and plate. When the food came to the table, the steam rising from it was as coarse as linen." And going out into the street, he saw stars for the first time "in an awe-striking perspective that came as a revelation."

Life was happier when the family moved to Dulwich: more trees to love, a better school with more understanding teachers: but the happiness was short-lived. The overworked mother died; the grey portals of the "boy clerk's" job opened wide. But "the dark and confusing period" was soon shot with the rays of that light in which the author has since walked. He has set down his pilgrimage in a lovely book. He has overflowed it with all his gifts of mind and spirit, and these are deep and many.

A FILM-COMEDY VOYAGE

All Mr. Church's searching, so far as it is revealed here, was inward, prompted by an instinctive understanding that the kingdom of heaven is within you—if anywhere. But there are those under some compulsion to fly to the uttermost parts of the earth, and nowadays to fly off the earth itself, joyed by the prospect of the moon's beaches littered at week-ends like Margate sands.

The Count Gontran de Poncins seems to have put his foot into every extremity of heat and cold. He has lived with cannibals and Eskimos, sweltered in jungles and frozen in igloos. In the North he made a collection of Eskimo material, and he was faced in 1939 with the problem of removing it. He had got it to the mouth of the Coppermine River, which is in the north-east of Canada, and wanted to take it to Vancouver, which is in the south-west of Canada. By sea that is a journey of 5,000 miles, and by sea he went. A ship that had been built as a rum-runner in "prohibition" days was in that unlikely spot and offered him accommodation if he would do his share of the work. She was run by Art and Slim, who appear physically to have resembled Laurel and Hardy, and who knew as much about sailing a ship for 5,000 miles through exceptionally difficult conditions as those comedians might be expected to know. "Theoretically," says the author in *The Ghost Voyage* (Gollancz, 13s. 6d.), "my seamanship was nil. I knew how to use a sextant, but we didn't have one."

The incredible voyage was made. A glance at the globe will show you what is involved in sailing from the mouth of the Coppermine to Vancouver. On the way we meet all sorts of men and birds and beasts of land and sea, and everything encountered sets the author off, drawing upon a seemingly inexhaustible store of reminiscence about what happened to him in other times and other climes. I found the book most readable, and here and there the author lets drop a splendid phrase, such as "the Great North, something infinitely brutal, over which there stretches, at the most unexpected moment, the web of the Marvellous."

WOMEN IN A DEFEATED CITY

The anonymous volume *A Woman in Berlin* (Secker and Warburg, 15s.) is a diary kept by a young woman in Berlin while the Russians were advancing upon the city and during the early days of their occupation. The author had worked in a publishing house. She had travelled and spoke several languages, including a little Russian. "There's nothing in this city," she writes after the arrival of the conquerors, "that isn't theirs for the taking. The very abundance must be beyond their comprehension." The things for the taking included the women of Berlin, and the author is frank about her own method of dealing with a situation which she describes with undiluted honesty. She gave herself to officers so that, under their "protection," she might escape the indiscriminate assaults that were the lot of many of her companions.

She writes: "We have been led by criminals and adventurers, whom we have allowed to conduct us like sheep to the slaughter-house. Now the wretched survivors are blazing with hatred." How sadly late such discoveries are made!

It is a terrible book: the fear, the hunger, the life driven into holes and cellars, the great city a waste of rubble and moral dereliction. "No man loses face by abandoning a woman—be she his own wife or a neighbour—to the conquerors. On the contrary, the women would hold it against them if they were to provoke the 'masters' by resistance."

A RIVER OF AFRICA

THE problems of Africa concern everyone to-day, and many books have been written about them. *Zambesi River*, by J. F. MacDonald (Macmillan, 18s.) has an original approach to the subject: the book is an account of a boat journey down the Zambesi from Angola to the Indian Ocean, in which the river provides the connecting link between all manner of observations on natural and human history, and the long-standing racial difficulties of Africa. The author has himself been in Government service in Southern Rhodesia, and, having seen the problems from the inside, can write about them with authority. He is a sensible supporter of the *via media* of racial partnership in government, as opposed to the extremes of *apartheid* and immediate self-government for the African. The Zambesi sounds a thoroughly uncomfortable river, but Mr. MacDonald, following the early Portuguese adventurers and Dr. Livingstone, does not seem to have been deterred by what he calls "the brooding, intolerant spirit of the waters."

MOTHS AND EVOLUTION

DR. E. B. FORD'S gift for explaining a difficult subject simply and interestingly was well exemplified by his book *Butterflies*, in the Collins New Naturalist series, which appeared in 1945. In *Moths*, recently published by the same firm at 35s., he is equally lucid and stimulating. The two books are to a large extent complementary, and the reader of *Moths* is assumed to be familiar with the principles of natural selection, the elements of genetics and the structure and physiology of insects described in *Butterflies*. Dr. Ford is concerned in these books with butterflies and moths as exemplars of biological principles. Yet though *Moths*, like its predecessor, is of interest chiefly to students of genetics, and for the light it throws on the working of evolution, its chapters on moths as pests, on the different types of habitat favoured by different species, on protective coloration, on extinct moths and on the striking development of industrial melanism have a wider appeal. The illustrations, by S. Beaufoy, both in colour and in black-and-white, are good, and there are a series of maps illustrating certain aspects of the distribution of moths in the British Isles, a glossary of technical terms and a useful bibliography.

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THE A LINE MATERIALISES

THE infiltration of the A line into the fashion story is complete with the many tennis dresses and jeans that are featuring this moulded torso line. Some of the tennis dresses go the whole way and have their brief skirts pleated into the long sweater bodices that feature the loosish waist and the severe high neckline of Dior. This shape has complete success either in sharkskin or in a solid white cotton or cotton and nylon mixture and has been adopted by many of the leading tennis players. Other dresses are less emphatic versions and achieve a modified effect by means of gores and darts that mould the figure, indicate the natural waist and spread out to a widish hemline that skims the knees.

Many of the professionals now allow some kind of neat decoration on their dresses, an edging, a wide scalloped collar or an A shape in buttons. Accordion-pleated cotton, the pleats of which are labelled "durable," has appeared for crisp skirts that are attached to the shirts at the waist; the authentic A line dresses take deeper pleats or box pleats. The accordion-pleated cotton skirts are attached to sleeveless cotton blouses with a widish collar, and revers are cut in one and fasten with a double row of buttons below the collar. The dresses require a mere press to keep them in shape. Piecrust pleating is used for attractive skirts made from Celanese jersey sharkskin. Three narrow horizontal bands make half of the skirt with the top half in ordinary knife pleats. This is another of the fabrics that must not be wrung or squeezed after washing if the pleats are to be kept in. The pleats must lie straight in the water and after rinsing should be dried flat on a thick towel. After the bulk of the water has gone the garment can be finished off on a hanger, but there is a risk that the weight of the water at first might make the fabric drop.

The strong striped cottons have taken a firm hold of the holiday clothes and appear in all strong colours with white. Usually the stripe is bolder than a pin-stripe and the cotton really solid and tough. There are some that are lighter, equally crisp and creaseless, but many of them are as heavy as a serge and almost creaseless owing to the suède-like finish. The former are shown for separates, wide skirt, sometimes pleated in three deep bands, sometimes gored, and with a great variety of tops and shirts. The more solid types are tailored for casual clothes of all sorts, jeans, slacks, jackets, singlet tops, straight skirts, or long straight overblouses. The fabric lends itself to the severe uncluttered lines of a tailor-made and the straight skirt with the longer jacket or overblouse that has a relaxed waist has become a serious rival to the bouffant skirt with fitted top.

Another interesting group of fabrics that are influencing the casual styles are new varieties of corduroys. Chiffon weights in the finest of pin cords make delightful blouses and shirts in a range of glowing colours, sunny yellows, coral, geranium and Mediterranean blues. Usually the blouses are simple as a shirt but are embellished with some small touch—an artist's bow under a turndown collar, sleeves tying below the elbows, or long ties knotted like a man's and streaming to the waist. They are charming when worn with jeans that have the high corselet top or with an ivory Terylene skirt that is knife-pleated to the hips, the pleats tapering away and leaving a moulded hipline that is not only slimming but brings a definite impression of the A line. These skirts can be washed out and then drip-dried on a hanger, keeping their pleats intact. Nylon twinsets, particularly the whites and the pale-coloured ones, are another item that are being bought up by holiday-makers, as they dry so quickly.

Heavy woollen sweaters in fisherman's knit must be bulky enough to make a fold at the back of the arms, running down almost to the waistline. They keep a high neckline, either up to the throat where there is a

(*Left*) A tennis dress in white sharkskin embodies the A line in its design. It is moulded with gores and darts to allow for movement and is edged with a neat twist made from rolls of the fabric (Lillywhites)

Black jeans that extend above the waist and a turquoise blouse made of chiffon corded velveteen, the sleeves of which tie below the elbows (Spectator Sports)

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Cap-sleeved blouse in a tan and white striped cotton with white piqué butterfly bow and bands (Finnigans)

(*Right*) Jeans of striped denim with deep pockets below the waist that break the line in a flattering way. The boned sun top is of black cotton poplin, and it can also be used for evening (Marshall and Snelgrove)

horizontal slit for the head to go through, or higher with a turndown polo collar that is knitted in one with a triangular yoke. Many have three-quarter length sleeves and many are striped horizontally. They are either longer than ever or so short that they rest on top of the natural waistline. Ribs are bold and in fancy stitches, but the plain knitted ones achieve the smooth surface of a suède. Knitted jackets become squarer than ever and are often long enough to cover the moulded hiplines of the skirts. The jackets cling to the hips and may pouch over to take the bulk that continues from the folds about the loose deep armholes.

THE ranges of Pringle sweaters and cardigans being prepared for the autumn show great originality in the way of decoration, and the Scottish designs are every bit as lively as the Italian. Decoration centres on the collars of the cardigan sweaters in cashmere that button down from the throat to the waist. These collars are knitted in a fancy stitch, scalloped or edged with flat plaits of the knitting. Sweaters with high necks are knitted with neckbands of corded ribs that match the bands on the end of the three-quarter sleeves; others turn over and then button to the side of the throat when the motif is repeated on three-quarter length sleeves. This three-quarter sleeve looks like being far and away the most popular length. The sleeves are set in sleekly to make a narrow shoulder line, and some of the cardigans are short enough to rest on top of the waist, others long enough to cover a moulded basque. A double-breasted cardigan is a becoming shape with a widish flat collar and a V neckline. Twinsets look different again with sweaters that have high corded necklines emerging above the cardigans.

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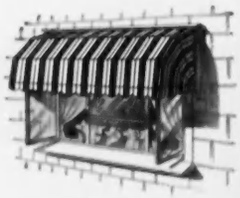

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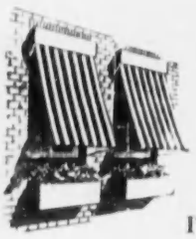

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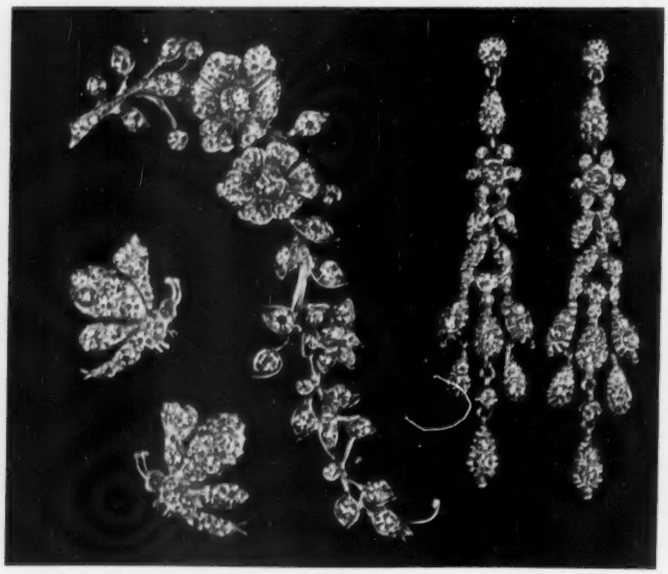

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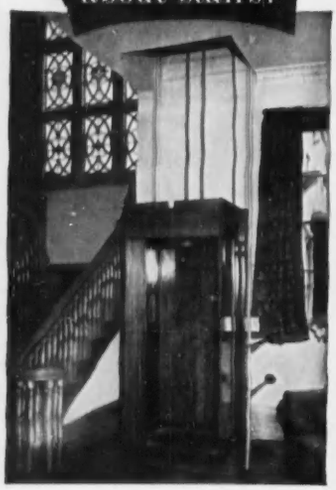

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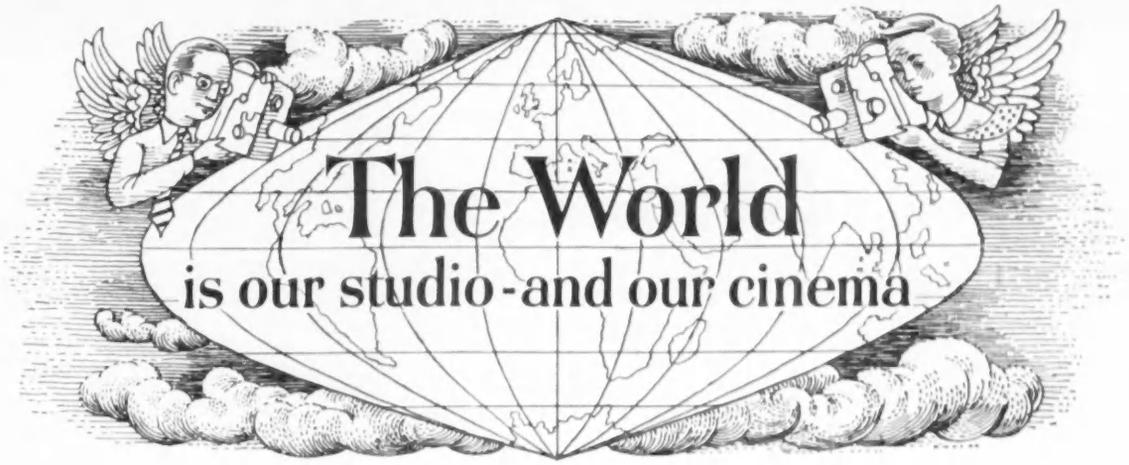

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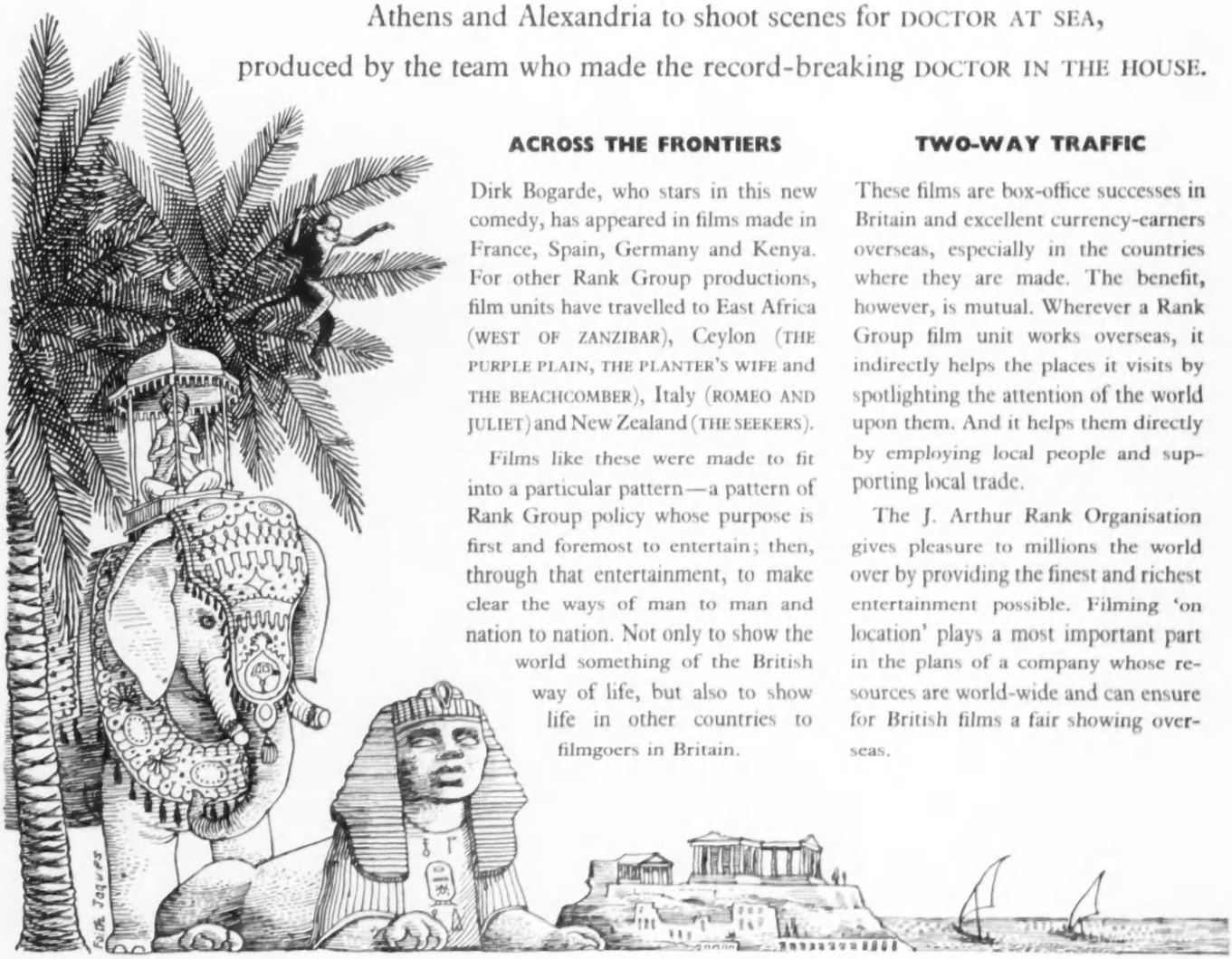

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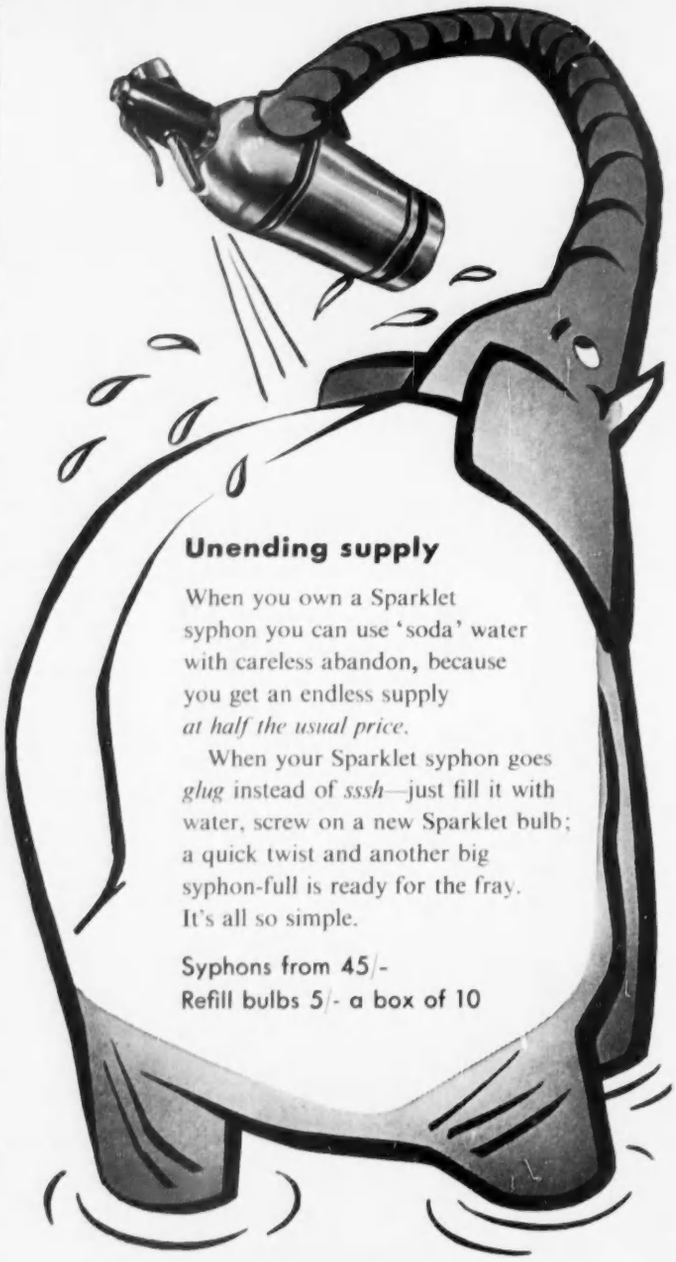

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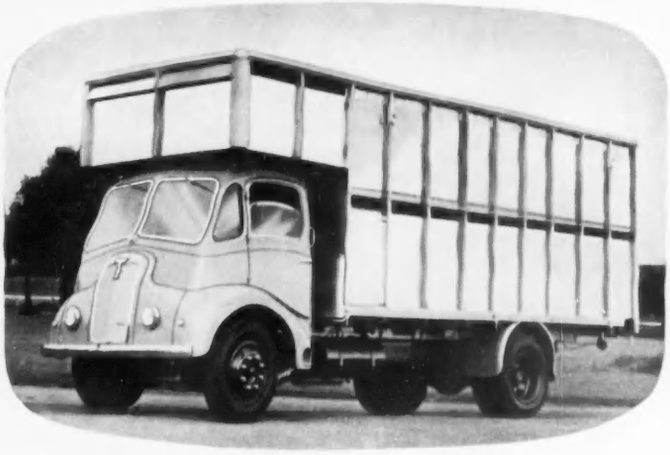

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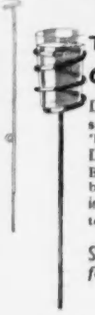

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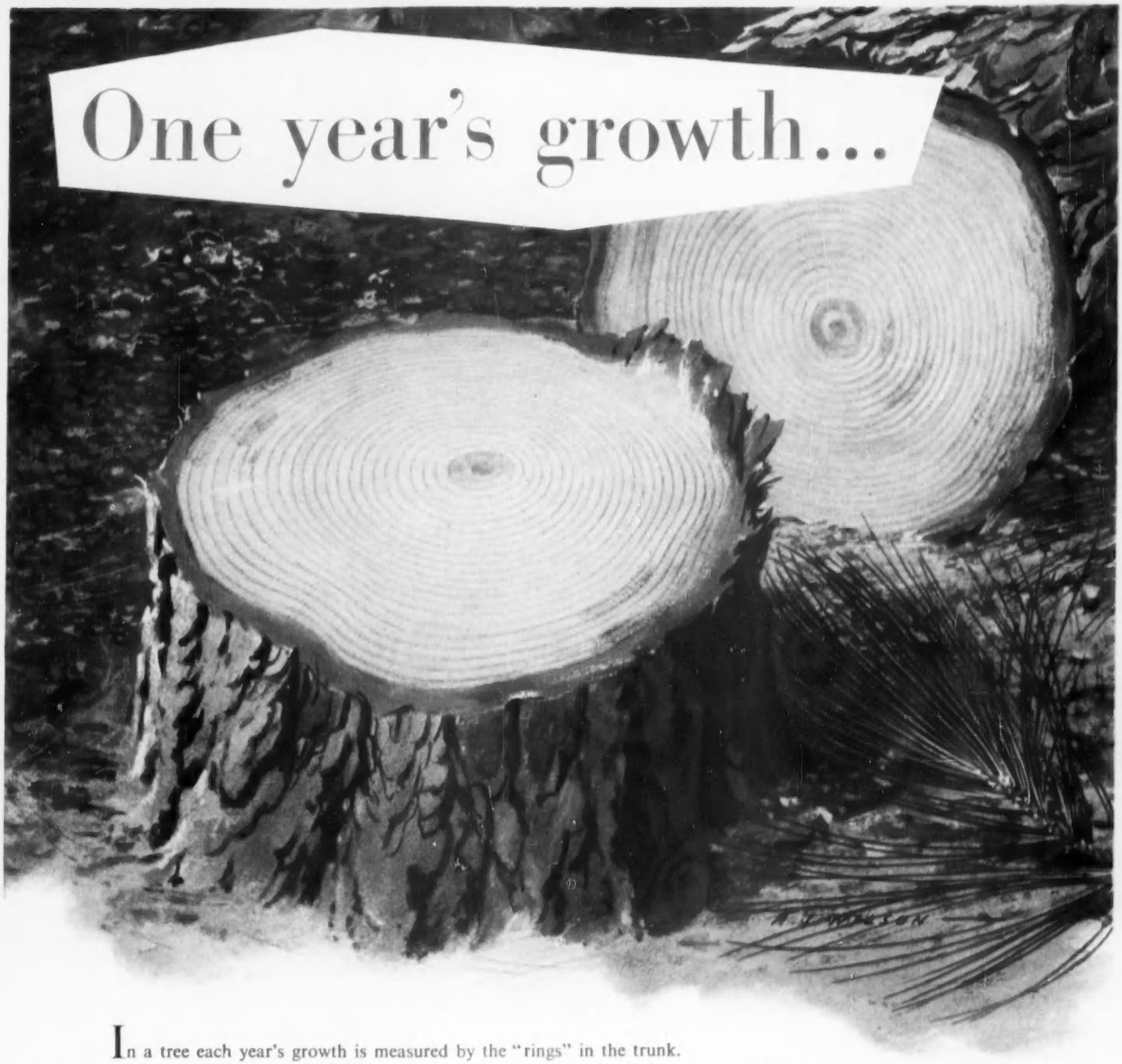

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